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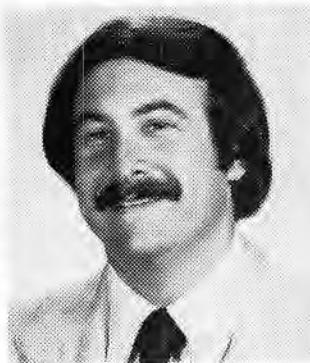
The reason for all of Danny's National Publicity is his uncanny ability to accurately predict the outcomes of College & Pro Football games. From 1964 through 1979 Danny's winning percentage versus the pointspread has averaged an incredible 70%+. This includes his fantastic **16 year Post Season record** (vs. spread) where he has correctly picked 85 of 112 College Bowl games (75%), 58 of 71 Pro Playoff games (81%), and **10 of 13 Super Bowl games.**

Last year Danny again shocked the Football World, as his **documented** National Newsletter **incredibly** won **16 of 18** weekends versus the spread during the 1979 Football Season! Plus Danny's 1979 Newsletter averaged **70%** versus the spread on **ALL** of his College & Pro picks during the regular season, and **66%** versus the spread during the College Bowls & Pro Playoffs. How much **money** would **you** have made if you had joined Danny's 1979 Newsletter and won **every weekend** versus the spread in **September & October** (9 straight weekends), plus won **3 of 4** weekends in **November** (including 80% during Thanksgiving), and again won **3 of 4** weekends in **December** (copies of 1979 Newsletter available upon request).

In summary Danny **won 16 of 18 weekends in 1979** versus the Las Vegas Spread and won **88.8%** of the time last season versus the spread (16 of 18 = 88.8%), which was obviously very **financially rewarding** to our clients! **No one** in the history of football handicapping has ever won 16 of 18 weekends and averaged 70% versus the spread during any football season, and **all** of Danny's **sensational 1979 results were documented** in his weekly Newsletter. Incidentally, Danny's **1978 Newsletter** won **15 of 18** weekends and averaged **76%** versus the spread on all of his College & Pro picks during those winning 15 weekends.

Danny's 1980 Newsletter will consist of his opinion versus the Las Vegas Spread on his favorite 4-7 College & Pro games each weekend. **All** of Danny's Clients receive the **same** 4-7 College & Pro picks every Friday by Special Delivery mail, as Danny is the only one who is **honest** and **accurate** enough to put all his picks in print.

In case you missed it, Danny was again asked to be on **NBC's TOMORROW SHOW**, hosted by Tom Snyder, on Thursday Night **October 19, 1978**, where he was asked to pick his 5 top Pro games vs. spread for that weekend. He responded in front of a National TV audience by correctly predicting **4 of 5** (80% vs. spread). Danny also astonished a National TV audience with his pointspread accuracy 4 years ago on **NBC's TOMORROW SHOW** (Oct. 14, 1975) by correctly picking **6 of 7** of his top picks (86%), plus **17 of 19** versus the spread that same weekend. Danny's point-



spread results were announced by Tom Snyder on October 20, 1975 & October 23, 1978, which was the Monday after each of Danny's successful National TV appearances.

During the 1977 Football Season, Danny was the **ONLY** Football Prognosticator to be **featured weekly** on Network TV. During the 1977 season, **NBC** used a robot named "Statz". **CBS** had Jimmy The Greek who analyzed games - not predict them, but **ABC's GOOD MORNING SHOW** hosted by David Hartman, had Danny on **every Friday** predicting College & Pro football weekend games from October 7 - December 26, 1977. On the **ABC-TV SHOW** Danny averaged an unbelievable **66%** winning average and that was while picking mostly upsets (results announced on the air Dec. 26, 1977). Plus on the **ABC-TV National Show**, Danny picked **every Monday Night Pro game** correctly (vs. spread) and also predicted 7 winners out of 8 (vs. spread) during the **Big 1977 Thanksgiving Weekend games** for a National audience! Plus Danny's Newsletter was **75%** versus the spread during the **1978 Thanksgiving Weekend**, and **80%** versus the spread during last season's big **1979 Thanksgiving Weekend!**

Space does not permit the listing of every National TV & Radio Show or every major Newspaper & Magazine article that featured **Danny's accuracy** in 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, & 1980, but if you would like them please call or write our office. Besides **ABC & NBC-TV**, some are: Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Esquire Magazine, Football News, Sports Illustrated, Pro Football Weekly, Penthouse, Playboy, etc.

Danny's **sensational 70%** accuracy versus the spread was featured in the December 1979 Issue of **PLAYBOY MAGAZINE** (page 235, "Betting the NFL").

There was a thorough objective research done on the fraudulent practices of many football touts entitled "**Tips on Touts**" which appeared in **ESQUIRE MAGAZINE**. The article points out that "unlike **Danny Sheridan**, some (touts) appear to be either flat-out crooks, slightly shady types, or terrible liars." For a copy of this objective article "Tips on Touts", write or call our office. It could save you money, as the author suggests.

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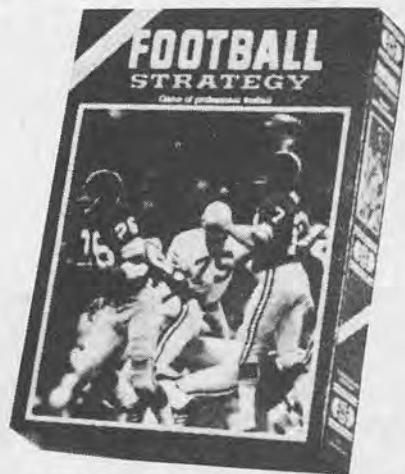
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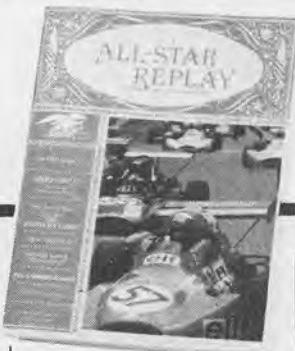
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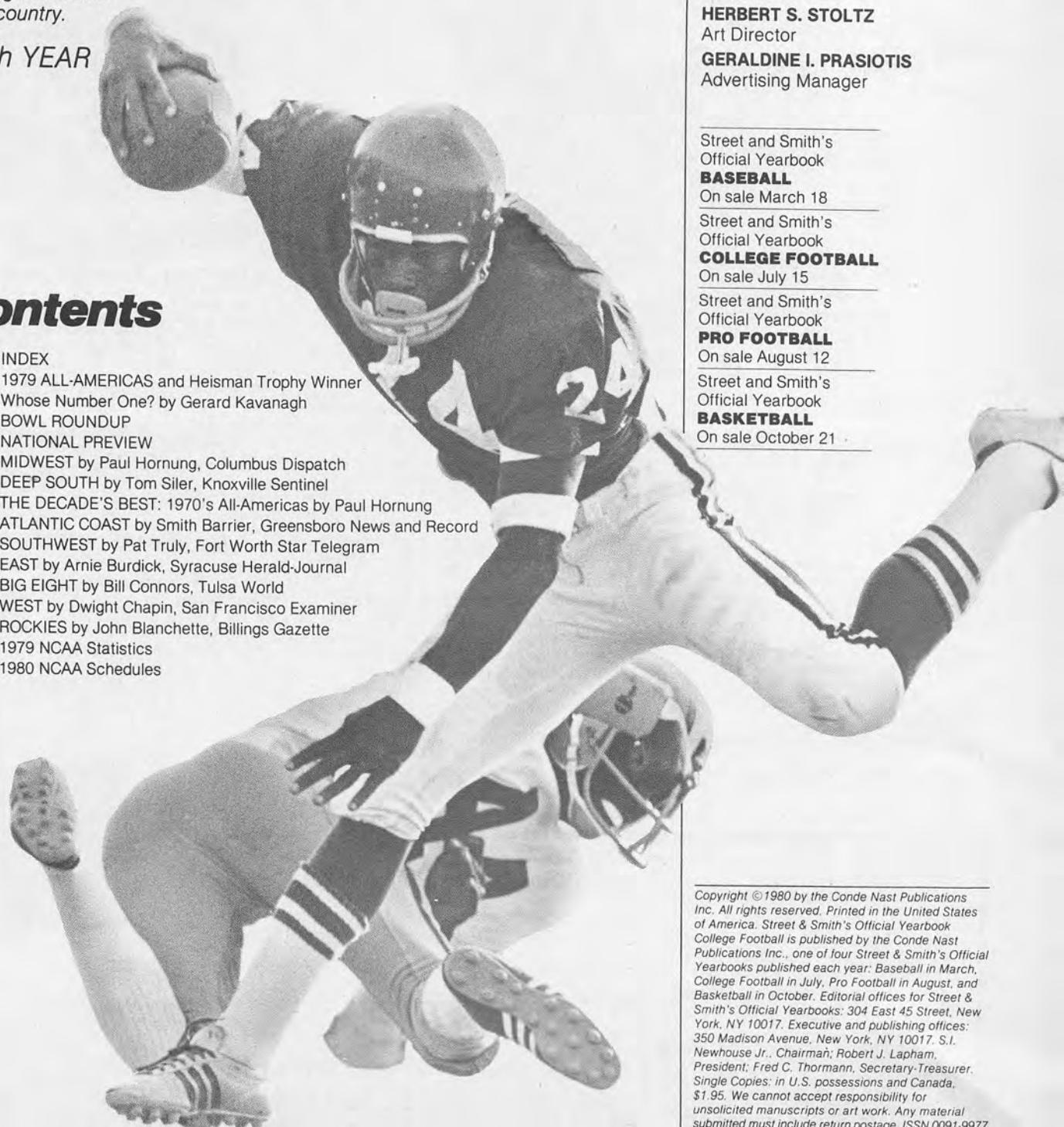
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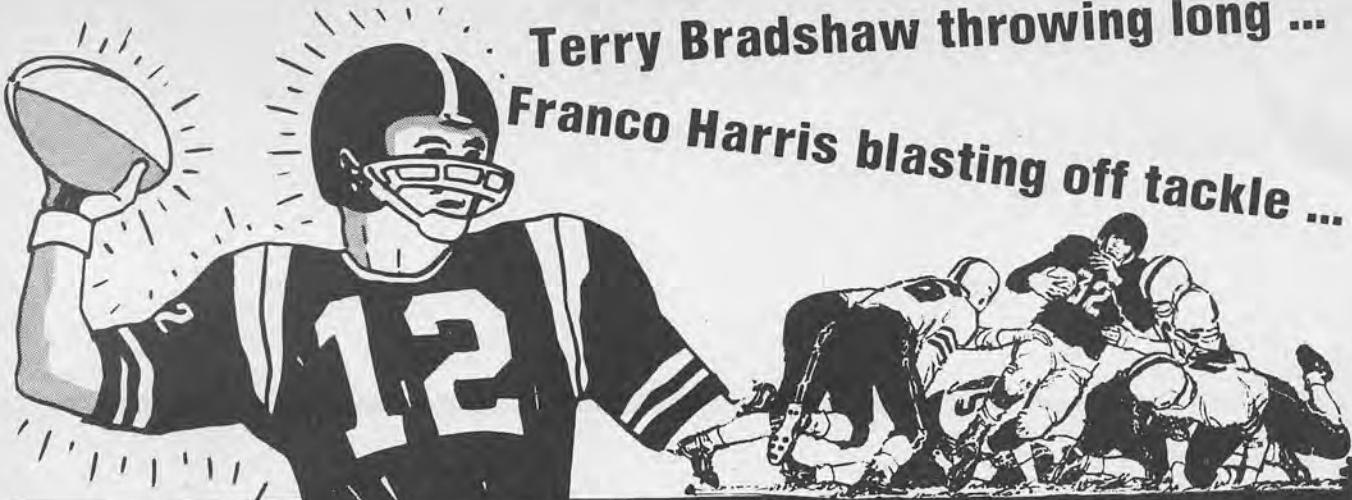
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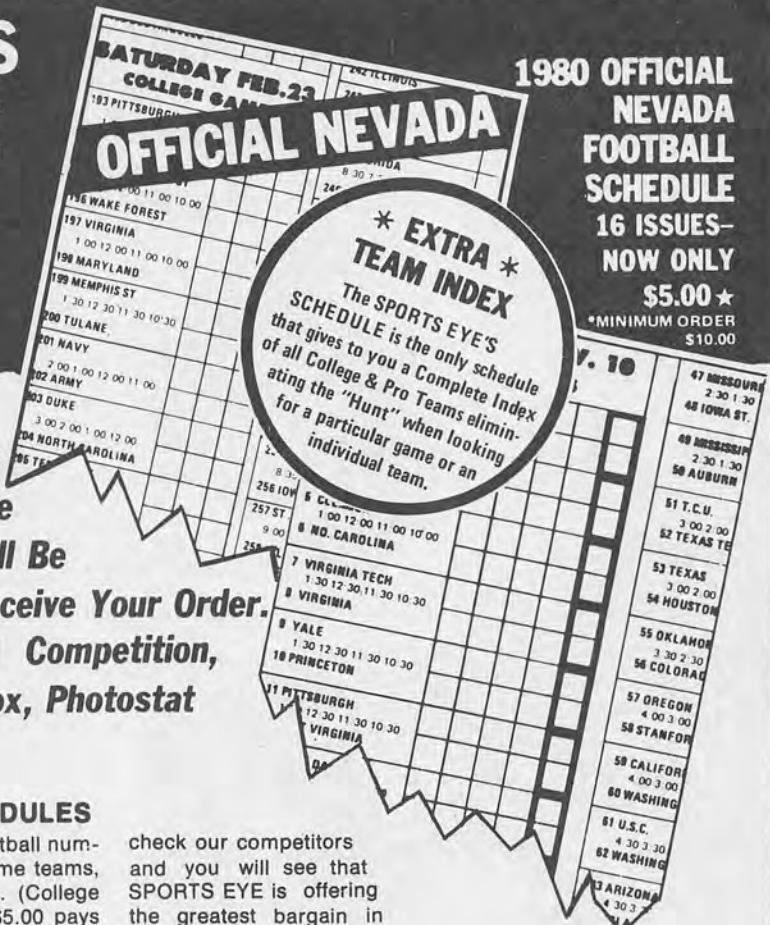
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OFFENSE	FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
Quarterback	Marc Wilson—Brigham Young	Art Schlichter—Ohio State
Running Back	Vagas Ferguson—Notre Dame	James Hadnot—Texas Tech
Running Back	Billy Sims—Oklahoma	Dennis Mosley—Iowa
Running Back	Charles White—USC	George Rogers—South Carolina
Tight End	Junior Miller—Nebraska	Mark Brammer—Michigan State
Wide Receiver	Ken Margerum—Stanford	Jackie Flowers—Florida State
Tackle	Tim Foley—Notre Dame	Jim Bunch—Alabama
Tackle	Greg Kolenda—Arkansas	Ray Snell—Wisconsin
Guard	Brad Budde—USC	Pete Inge—San Diego State
Guard	Ken Fritz—Ohio State	George Stewart—Arkansas
Center	Jim RITCHER—North Carolina State	Dwight Stephenson—Alabama
DEFENSE	FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
End	Hugh Green—Pittsburgh	John Adams—LSU
End	Jim Stuckey—Clemson	Jacob Green—Texas A&M
Tackle	Bruce Clark—Penn State	Doug Martin—Washington
Tackle	Steve McMichael—Texas	Curtis Greer—Michigan
Guard	Ron Simmons—Florida State	Kerry Weinmaster—Nebraska
Linebacker	George Cumby—Oklahoma	Lance Mehl—Penn State
Linebacker	Dennis Johnson—USC	Mike Singletary—Baylor
Linebacker	Ron Simpkins—Michigan	Otis Wilson—Louisville
Back	Ken Easley—UCLA	Mike Guess—Ohio State
Back	Roland James—Tennessee	Mark Haynes—Colorado
Back	Johnnie Johnson—Texas	Darrol Ray—Oklahoma

HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

(First-place votes in parentheses)

1. Charles White, USC (453)	1,695	6. Paul McDonald, USC (11)	92
2. Billy Sims, Oklahoma (82)	773	7. George Rogers, South Carolina (8)	81
3. Marc Wilson, Brigham Young (72)	589	8. Mark Herrmann, Purdue (5)	54
4. Art Schlichter, Ohio State (19)	251	9. Ron Simmons, Florida State (5)	41
5. Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame (12)	162	10. Steadman Shealy, Alabama (1)	32

PAST HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS

1935	Jay Berwanger, Chicago	1958	Pete Dawkins, Army
1936	Larry Kelley, Yale	1959	Billy Cannon, LSU
1937	Clint Frank, Yale	1960	Joe Bellino, Navy
1938	Davey O'Brien, TCU	1961	Ernie Davis, Syracuse
1939	Niles Kinnick, Iowa	1962	Terry Baker, Oregon
1940	Tom Harmon, Michigan	1963	Roger Staubach, Navy
1941	Bruce Smith, Minnesota	1964	John Huarte, Notre Dame
1942	Frank Sinkwich, Georgia	1965	Mike Garrett, USC
1943	Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame	1966	Steve Spurrier, Florida
1944	Leslie Horvath, Ohio State	1967	Gary Beban, UCLA
1945	Felix Blanchard, Army	1968	O.J. Simpson, USC
1946	Glenn Davis, Army	1969	Steve Owens, Oklahoma
1947	John Lujack, Notre Dame	1970	Jim Plunkett, Stanford
1948	Doak Walker, SMU	1971	Pat Sullivan, Auburn
1949	Leon Hart, Notre Dame	1972	Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska
1950	Vic Janowicz, Ohio State	1973	John Cappelletti, Penn State
1951	Dick Kazmaier, Princeton	1974	Archie Griffin, Ohio State
1952	Billy Vessels, Oklahoma	1975	Archie Griffin, Ohio State
1953	John Lattner, Notre Dame	1976	Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh
1954	Alan Ameche, Wisconsin	1977	Earl Campbell, Texas
1955	Howard Cassady, Ohio State	1978	Billy Sims, Oklahoma
1956	Paul Hornung, Notre Dame	1979	Charles White, USC
1957	John Crow, Texas A&M		

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whose number one?

**why is it that football
is the only major
college sport in which
there is no tournament to
settle who's #1?**

by Gerard Kavanagh



Robinson

Which is the number one college football team in America? This year the two wire services, the Associated Press writers' poll and the United Press International coaches' poll, agreed. The University of Alabama, after an impressive 24-9 victory over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl, was elected the nation's best with a 12-0 record, the only undefeated and untied major-college team.

It was the sixth national title for Alabama under coach Bear Bryant, who called this team one of his best ever. He added, "It is the first team in Alabama history to win 12 games and only the third in my 22 years as head coach here to go through the season with a perfect record."

There was not much of an argument over the selection, but the vote was not unanimous. The Crimson Tide received 46 first-place votes (of a possible 67) from the AP and 28 (of a possible 38) from UPI. Twenty-one writers saw fit to crown the University of Southern California champion on the basis of its 11-0-1 mark, which included an exciting 17-16 come-from-behind win over previously undefeated Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Nine coaches favored the Trojans over Alabama. There was also a lone first-place vote for the University of Oklahoma, which finished 11-1 and thoroughly outmanned an unbeaten Florida State team, 24-7, in the Orange Bowl.

The results of the voting did not set off a chain of reactions. Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer admitted that he had voted for Alabama. Earle Bruce of Ohio State didn't have a vote, but said he favored USC, having seen too much of the Trojans and too little of the Crimson Tide on New Year's day. Coach John Robinson of USC graciously congratulated Alabama and confessed, "I would have to say I'm disappointed. But I don't feel any injustice was done."

Ironically, it was Robinson's USC team which dealt Alabama its last defeat, 24-14, early in the 1978 season. That loss ultimately resulted in the Tide's runner-up position in the UPI's final poll. On New Year's day, 1979, Alabama, ranked second, beat unbeaten and top-ranked Penn State, 14-7, in the Sugar Bowl. The Associated Press voted Alabama number one, but United Press elected Southern California, which beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. Two teams thus had a claim to the national title. There followed renewed arguments for an NCAA play-off.

Why is football the only major-college sport in which there is no tournament? Division II has a play-off.

Dave Dorr in the *Sporting News* writes: "Those who would like to see NCAA football play-offs leading to a national cham-

FINAL 1979-80 COLLEGE FOOTBALL RANKINGS

ASSOCIATED PRESS		UNITED PRESS	
1. Alabama (46)	1,317	1. Alabama (28)	559
2. USC (21)	1,289	2. USC (9)	539
3. Oklahoma	1,163	3. Oklahoma (1)	468
4. Ohio State	1,084	4. Ohio State	461
5. Houston	893	5. Houston	424
6. Florida State	872	6. Pittsburgh	300
7. Pittsburgh	857	7. Nebraska	316
8. Arkansas	852	8. Florida State	288
9. Nebraska	739	9. Arkansas	276
10. Purdue	690	10. Purdue	227
11. Washington	484	11. Washington	215
12. Texas	474	12. Brigham Young	112
13. Brigham Young	358	13. Texas	94
14. Baylor	311	14. North Carolina	75
15. North Carolina	263	15. Baylor	60
16. Auburn	213	16. Indiana	35
17. Temple	207	17. Temple	15
18. Michigan	206	18. Penn State	14
19. Indiana	168	19. Michigan	11
20. Penn State	8	20. Missouri	8

(First-place votes in parentheses)

pionship look at the success of the basketball tournament and sigh." Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke has called that tourney "the single greatest collegiate sports event of the year" and has seen it expand from eight teams in 1939 to its present 48-team format. In it a team must win at least five single-elimination contests to emerge as undisputed champion.

But Bill Yeoman, coach of the University of Houston, which defeated Nebraska, 17-14, in this year's Cotton Bowl and placed fifth in both final polls, is against the idea of a play-off. He and his players are not enthusiastic about continuing a season they feel is already along enough. Yeoman is satisfied with the bowl structure as it is and feels that a play-off "is not a part of the inter-collegiate picture . . . regardless of what is done in basketball."

Joe Paterno, football coach and athletic director at Penn State, supports a play-off to determine the national champion. He attributes the NCAA's reluctance to a tournament to a fear



Paterno

that a play-off might somehow diminish the prestige of the bowl games. Paterno would incorporate the bowls into a play-off picture and thereby enhance their value.

"I favor having four teams selected after the bowl games. There would be two semifinal games with the winners advancing to the championship game, which could be played the day before the Super Bowl on 'Super Saturday.'

But John Robinson rejects such an idea. "You would have to vote for the teams. That's just as phony as voting for a national champion."

Arkansas football coach Lou Holtz has drawn up a plan by which four teams would be selected—based on a points system derived from "performance on the field, and not by sentiment"—to compete in a play-off after the bowl games. Holtz argues that his proposal would not weaken the bowl structure but instead dramatize its importance, since a team would first have to win a bowl game in order to advance to the final four. Furthermore, the plan, he claims, would eliminate the prejudicial voting that occurs now in the present system and emphasize strength of schedule rather than lopsided victories against outclassed opponents.

But when does the athlete attend classes? Is there room for study in such an extended schedule?

"I just think it's too much for the college student," says Robinson. "We'd be playing in the third week in January. We've got finals in two weeks."



Holtz

Darrell Royal, former football coach at the University of Texas and now a special assistant to the president there, expresses the same fear. "I would be in favor of such a play-off if not for the fact that we are playing with student athletes. I have not seen a play-off system devised that would not interfere with final exams."

But Paterno, who has publicly emphasized the consequence of hard work in the classroom as well as on the playing field, plays down the concern of Robinson and Royal. "The season would only be one game longer for two teams and two games longer for two other teams . . . The football season is not as long as the season for many other sports and the travel for football is primarily on the weekend rather than during the week, so I don't think the academic considerations should be an insurmountable obstacle."

So until a tournament is established there will be arguments as to which is the best college football team in a given year. And what's wrong with that? Jack Wilkinson in the *New York Daily News* points out that there are fans who enjoy the controversy and the debate over two national champions.

Perhaps Barry Switzer has the best reason for opposing a tournament. "I do not think that most perennial powers support a play-off system, since they would have a better opportunity of winning more mythical national championships than they would in the bracket system playing the world."



Switzer

Whose number one? continued

1979-80 BOWL GAME RESULTS

GARDEN STATE BOWL	
Temple 28	California 17
INDEPENDENCE BOWL	
Syracuse 31	McNeese St. 7
HOLIDAY BOWL	
Indiana 38	Brigham Young 37
SUN BOWL	
Washington 14	Texas 7
LIBERTY BOWL	
Penn State 9	Tulane 6
TANGERINE BOWL	
LSU 34	Wake Forest 10
FIESTA BOWL	
Pittsburgh 16	Arizona 10
GATOR BOWL	
North Carolina 17	Michigan 15
HALL of FAME BOWL	
Missouri 24	South Carolina 14
PEACH BOWL	
Baylor 24	Clemson 18
BLUBONNET BOWL	
Purdue 27	Tennessee 22
SUGAR BOWL	
Alabama 24	Arkansas 9
COTTON BOWL	
Houston 17	Nebraska 14
ROSE BOWL	
USC 17	Ohio State 16
ORANGE BOWL	
Oklahoma 24	Florida State 7

Charles White capped a magnificent individual effort in the Rose Bowl with this one-yard plunge in USC's win

SUGAR BOWL

Arkansas	3	0	6	0-9
Alabama	14	3	0	7-24

SCORING

Arkansas: Ordonez 34-yard field goal
 Alabama: Ogilvie 22-yard run (McElroy PAT)
 Alabama: Ogilvie 1-yard run (McElroy PAT)
 Alabama: McElroy 25-yard field goal
 Arkansas: Farrell 3-yard pass from Scanlon (run failed)
 Alabama: Whitman 12-yard run (McElroy PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Arkansas	Alabama
First downs	21	18
Rushes-yards	41-97	53-284
Passing yards	245	70
Return yards	12	102
Passes	22-40-2	4-7-0
Punts	7-36	8-36
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	1-15	7-16
Attendance:	77,486	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Arkansas-Bowles 15-46, Anderson 6-28; Alabama-Jackson 13-120, Ogilvie 14-67, Whitman 6-37.
 Passing: Arkansas-Scanlon 22-39-1-245; Alabama-Shealy 4-7-0-70.
 Receiving: Arkansas-Farrell 3-51, Anderson 7-53, Stiggers 5-39; Alabama-Pugh 3-62, Jackson 1-8.

COTTON BOWL

Nebraska	7	0	0	7-14
Houston	0	7	0	10-17

SCORING

Nebraska: Redwine 9-yard run (Sukup PAT)
 Houston: Elston 8-yard run (Hatfield PAT)
 Houston: Hatfield 41-yard field goal
 Nebraska: Finn 6-yard pass from Quinn (Sukup PAT)
 Houston: Herring 6-yard pass from Elston (Hatfield PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Nebraska	Houston
First downs	13	18
Rushes-yards	41-136	61-206
Passing yards	91	119
Return yards	58	20
Passes	11-22-1	9-19-0
Punts	10-41	7-42
Fumbles-lost	1-1	7-3
Penalties-yards	7-90	2-22
Attendance:	72,032	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Nebraska-Redwine 17-58, Franklin 12-40; Houston-Elston 22-87, Newhouse 14-61.
 Passing: Nebraska-Quinn 10-19-1-78, Redwine 1-1-0-13; Houston-Elston 9-16-0-119, Brown 0-3-0-0.
 Receiving: Nebraska-Brown 5-30, Miller 2-26, Quinn 1-13; Houston-Herring 5-51, Phea 2-47, Miller 1-18.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Florida State-Lyles 13-40, Whiting 13-40;

ROSE BOWL

Ohio State	0	10	3	3-16
USC	3	7	0	7-17

SCORING

USC: Hipp 41-yard field goal
 USC: K. Williams 53-yard pass from McDonald (Hipp PAT)
 Ohio State: Janakievski 35-yard field goal
 Ohio State: Janakievski 23-yard field goal
 Ohio State: G. Williams 67-yard pass from Schlichter (Janakievski PAT)
 Ohio State: Janakievski 37-yard field goal
 USC: White 1-yard run (Hipp PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Ohio State	USC
First downs	16	23
Rushes-yards	40-115	52-285
Passing yards	297	234
Return yards	6	0
Passes	11-21-1	11-24-1
Punts	3-43	1-52
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	2-18	3-33
Attendance:	105,526	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Ohio State-Murray 18-73, Spencer 4-15, Campbell 5-12; USC-White 39-247, Allen 9-43.
 Passing: Ohio State-Schlichter 11-21-1-297; USC-McDonald 11-24-1-234.
 Receiving: Ohio State-Donley 4-110, G. Williams 3-131, Murray 2-31; USC-K. Williams 2-70, Garcia 2-57, Butler 2-45, Allen 2-41.

ORANGE BOWL

Florida State	7	0	0	0-7
Oklahoma	0	17	0	7-24

SCORING

Florida State: Whiting 1-yard run (Cappelen PAT)
 Oklahoma: Watts 61-yard run (Keeling PAT)
 Oklahoma: Wilson 5-yard run (Keeling PAT)
 Oklahoma: Keeling 24-yard field goal
 Oklahoma: Sims 22-yard lateral from Watts (Keeling PAT)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Florida State	Oklahoma
First downs	12	23
Rushes-yards	35-82	59-411
Passing yards	100	36
Return yards	19	100
Passes	8-27-3	2-4-0
Punts	9-42	4-25
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-4
Penalties-yards	4-20	3-28
Attendance:	66,714	

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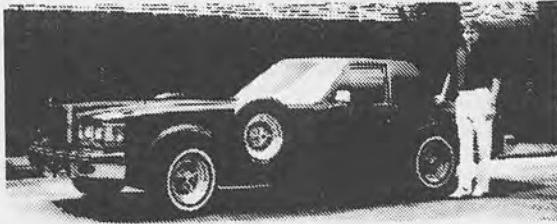
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Quarterback	Art Schlichter—Ohio State	Rich Campbell—California
Running Back	George Rogers—South Carolina	James Brooks—Auburn
Running Back	Freeman McNeil—UCLA	Jarvis Redwine—Nebraska
Running Back	Amos Lawrence—North Carolina	Darrin Nelson—Stanford
Wide Receiver	Ken Margerum—Stanford	Rick Beasley—Appalachian State
Tight End	Dave Young—Purdue	Marvin Harvey—Southern Mississippi
Tackle	Allan Kennedy—Washington State	Terry Tausch—Texas
Tackle	Louis Oubre—Oklahoma	Randy Van Divier—Washington
Guard	George Stewart—Arkansas	Frank McCallister—Navy
Guard	Roy Foster—USC	Mike Shaft—Wyoming
Center	George Lilja—Michigan	Jay Hilgenberg—Iowa
Kicker	Rex Robinson—Georgia	Dale Castro—Maryland

HONORABLE MENTION

QB: Phil Bradley, Missouri; Tim Clifford, Indiana; John Fourcade, Mississippi; Mark Halda, San Diego State; Mark Herrmann, Purdue. RB: Gary Allen, Hawaii; Marion Barber, Minnesota; A.J. Jones, Texas; Joe Morris, Syracuse; Major Ogilvie, Alabama; Hubert Oliver, Arizona; Robert Parham, Grambling; Hubert Simpson, Tennessee; Toussaint Tyler, Washington; Tom Vigorito, Virginia; James Wilder, Missouri; Charles Wysocki, Maryland. WR: Anthony Carter, Michigan; Chris Collinsworth, Florida; Doug Donley, Ohio State; Gerald Harp, Western Carolina; Gerry Lucear, Temple; Mardye McDole, Mississippi State; James Murphy, Utah State; David Verser, Kansas; Kevin Williams, USC. TE: Clay Brown, Brigham Young; Rodney Holman, Tulane; Robert Hubble, Rice. T: Nick Eyre, Brigham Young; Mark May, Pittsburgh; Howard Richards, Missouri; Brant Thurston, Colorado; Keith Van Horne, USC. G: Amos Donaldson, Kansas State; Mark Kurdyla, Rutgers; Larry Lee, UCLA; George Stephenson, Auburn; Ron Wooten, North Carolina. C: Tony Bubniak, Colgate; Dan Mackie, Arizona State. K: Jim Asmus, Hawaii; Maury Burford, Texas Tech; Herb Menhardt, Penn State; Ken Naber, Stanford.

DEFENSE	FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
End	Hugh Green—Pittsburgh	Larry Kubin—Penn State
End	E.J. Junior—Alabama	Don Blackmon—Tulsa
Tackle	Leonard Mitchell—Houston	Steve Durham—Clemson
Tackle	Vince Goldsmith—Oregon	Hosea Taylor—Houston
Middle Guard	Ron Simmons—Florida State	Jim Burt—Miami
Linebacker	Mike Singletary—Baylor	Marty Wetzell—Tulane
Linebacker	Thomas Boyd—Alabama	Jim Budness—Boston College
Linebacker	Bob Crable—Notre Dame	Orbry Chamblee—Colorado State
Back	Ken Easley—UCLA	Kevin Evans—Arkansas
Back	Scott Woerner—Georgia	Tim Wilbur—Indiana
Back	Todd Bell—Ohio State	Dennis Smith—USC

HONORABLE MENTION

E: Pete Catan, Eastern Illinois; Kevin Morgan, Furman; Wendell Ray, Missouri; Lyman White, Louisiana State; Scott Zettek, Notre Dame. T: Pat Graham, California; John Harty, Iowa; Bill Purifoy, Tulsa; Ben Rudolph, Long Beach State; Frank Warren, Auburn. MG: Jim Noonan, Tennessee; Wilfred Simon, Tulane. LB: Kent Clausen, Montana; Jim Collins, Syracuse; Steve Doolittle, Colorado; Delbert Fowler, West Virginia; Riki Gray, USC; Ed Judie, Northern Arizona; Todd Simonsen, Iowa; Lawrence Taylor, North Carolina. DB: Jeff Griffin, Utah; Mike Kennedy, Toledo; Ronnie Lott, USC; Terry Love, Murray State; Tim Seneff, Purdue; Ted Watts, Texas Tech.

TOP 15

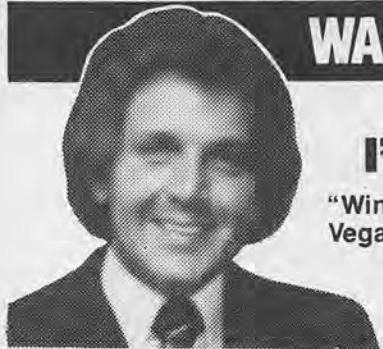
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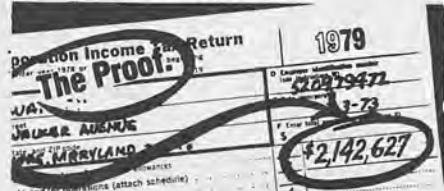
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Browns over Jets	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
Chargers over 'Hawks	WON!	
Pat. over Steelers		
WINNING WEEK!	WON!	
SEPTEMBER 9		
Chargers over Raiders	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
Dolphins over 'Hawks	WON!	
WINNING WEEK!		
SEPTEMBER 16		
Jets over Lions	WON!	
'Hawks over Raiders	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
Pat. over Bengals	WON!	
WINNING WEEK!		
NOVEMBER 4	Falcons over Bucs	WON!
Colts over Bengals	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
NOVEMBER 11	Lions (+) over Bucs	WON!
Bears over Rams	WON!	
Oilers over Raiders	WON!	
Bengals (+) over Chargers	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
NOVEMBER 18	Bills over Packers	WON!
49ers (+) over Broncos	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
NOVEMBER 25	Bengals over Cardinals	WON!
Colts (+) over Dolphins	WON!	
Browns over Steelers	WON!	
WINNING WEEK!	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
DECEMBER 2	49ers (+) over Cardinals	WON!
Redskins over Packers	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
DECEMBER 9	Cowboys over Eagles	WON!
'Hawks (+) over Broncos	WON!	
Redskins over Bengals	WON!	
DECEMBER 15	Chargers over Broncos	WON!
Bengals over Browns	WON!	
Chiefs over Bucs	WON!	
'Hawks over Raiders	WON!	
Falcons over 49ers	WON!	WINNING WEEK!
WON!	WON!	

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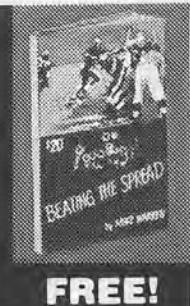
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by PAUL HORNUNG

The moving finger writes . . . and writes again, in similar vein. Ohio State charged into the 1970's with a powerhouse football team, piloted by an All-America quarterback; it embarks on the decade of the 1980's with another powerhouse, piloted by an All-America quarterback.

Only difference is that the 1980 Buckeyes are an overwhelming choice to repeat as Big Ten champions, where the 1970 Buckeyes faced the menacing challenge of defending Big Ten champion Michigan.

Not that 1979 "Coach of the Year" Earle Bruce's second league campaign will be without challenges.

Purdue, half a game from a co-championship last year, looms as the foremost contender again, because it has passing whiz Mark Herrmann gunning its offense for a fourth straight year.

Although an unaccustomed third in 1979, Michigan must still be considered in the race, and Indiana commands attention because of last year's fourth place finish and an upset win over Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl and return of the most regulars—16—among any of the top teams.

Notre Dame isn't likely to overshadow Ohio State for Midwest attention, either, but it should overshadow any gloomy forecasts. Gone from a 7-4 team are all-time ND rushing record holder Vagas Ferguson, QB Rusty Lisch, and others, but, after two exceptional recruiting crops, Dan Devine's optimism seems justified.

The 48-year-old Bruce couldn't have made a much more spectacular debut as successor to legendary Woody Hayes. Ohio State, 7-4-1 and fourth in the Big Ten in 1978, rolled to 11 straight regular season wins, beating Michigan in the "annual" championship showdown—at Ann Arbor yet—for the title, Rose Bowl ticket, and number one in both wire-service polls.

Alas, for the sixth straight time, Pasadena proved a dead end for the Big Ten champion.

BIG TEN

1. Ohio State, 2. Purdue, 3. Michigan,
4. Indiana, 5. Iowa, 6. Wisconsin, 7. Minnesota,
8. Michigan State, 9. Illinois, 10. Northwestern

INDEPENDENTS

1. Notre Dame, 2. Cincinnati, 3. Dayton,
4. Illinois State

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

1. Central Michigan, 2. Western Michigan,
3. Toledo, 4. Ball State, 5. Northern Illinois,
6. Miami, 7. Ohio U., 8. Bowling Green,
9. Eastern Michigan, 10. Kent State

MID-CONTINENT

1. Youngstown State, 2. Eastern Illinois,
3. Western Illinois, 4. Northern Michigan,
5. Northern Iowa

OHIO CONFERENCE

RED DIVISION

1. Baldwin-Wallace, 2. Mount Union,
3. Otterbein, 4. Marietta, 5. Heidelberg,
6. Kenyon

BLUE DIVISION

1. Wittenberg, 2. Denison, 3. Capital,
4. Ohio Northern, 5. Muskingum,
6. Ohio Wesleyan

**All-America Art Schlichter
has passed for over 3,000 yards
in just 2 years at OSU.**

But the Buckeyes played mighty Southern Cal no worse than even until the final five minutes and lost only 17-16.

Well, that leaves one goal for Bruce in 1980. Fans had been wondering what he could do for an encore.

The Buckeyes rebuild with 14 regulars, topped by the league's number one player, brilliant quarterback Art Schlichter. This sturdy all-around talent has broken the OSU passing record in only two years and is a prime Heisman Trophy candidate (fifth in voting last year, high among underclassmen).

Ohio State has an unproven offensive line and no established fullback. But it has everything else of which successful title defenses are fashioned: passing, receiving, running, kicking, and 9 of 11 starters returning from a defense that began 1979 as a question mark and ended as an exclamation point—number one in the Big Ten, eighth in the NCAA against scoring.

Purdue and Michigan have a common problem and an uncommon one, for them.

Bo Schembechler's teams have traditionally been among NCAA leaders in defense—12th last season—because he always established defense as number one priority. Michigan played everybody supertough.

Jim Young was once Schembechler's defensive coordinator at Michigan. It's no mystery that Young's recent Purdue teams have also concentrated on defense and have been, in the words of Minnesota's Joe Salem, "tougher than bears."

Young has two distinct advantages over his former boss, even if the defenses balance off.

One, he has one of the nation's finest quarterbacks in Herrmann, a big guy who has already lugged away all Big Ten passing records and is closing in on a few NCAA marks as well. That's a huge plus. By contrast, Schembechler's quarterback situation is a question. It may eventually be a freshman, albeit a heralded bluechipper, Steve Smith.

Two, Young does not play Ohio State for a second straight year, unquestionably a favorable schedule quirk—maybe for the Buckeyes as well.

Michigan is scheduled into Ohio Stadium in the season finale, possibly with the Big Ten title on the line for the eleventh time in the last dozen renewals of a college football rivalry without peer for sheer intensity. Madness, some outsiders might call it.

Purdue has a prime All-America candidate to chase Herrmann passes, Dave Young, and strong running and a defensive backfield that could eventually produce several pro draft choices. If Young can patch up the offensive and defensive lines, the Boilermakers seem likely to challenge Ohio State for the Rose Bowl.

Schembechler presents an awesome-sized, game-tested offensive line ahead of an impressive set of tailbacks, topped by All-Big Ten Butch Woolfolk, a big back with track speed who could bid for All-America.

Indiana set a school scoring record last year and should be potent offensively again this fall, with the Big Ten's MVP, Tim Clifford, back at quarter and Mike Harkrader, sure to become the Hoosiers' all-time rusher, at tailback.

"Teamwise, we could be stronger," Corso suggests. But the defense would have to stiffen to make the Hoosiers a bona fide contender for all the prizes. They did lose to the league's top three last year, although the Michigan game was decided on a hotly disputed play.

With the arrival of colorful Texan Hayden Fry, Iowa became the Big Ten's surprise team in 1979, finishing fifth. Fry came into the league threatening to unleash an aerial barrage and produced instead the number three rushing team and the school's first-ever 1,000-yard rusher, Dennis Mosley.

Fry may have to go to the air more this fall, because Mosley is gone and no replacement looms, and because he does return quarterback Phil Suess. The Hawkeyes should stay in the first division and could claw up a notch.

Dave McClain's third season at Wisconsin might be the breakthrough, with luck in avoiding injuries and a few come-through performances by an impressive freshman class.

"We could really be a surprise football team," confides the 41-year-old McClain, but the key is keeping quarterback John Jostens healthy. He broke an ankle in last year's opening game and missed his second straight season.

Joe Salem has two of the Big Ten's strongest runners at Minnesota in Marion Barber and Garry White, but too much rebuilding around them to make a first division berth likely.

Northwestern's Rick Venturi, another third-year coach, can seemingly see a little light at the end of the tunnel, but it probably will still be from a basement setting.

The Big Ten introduces two new—and especially interesting—coaches: Mike White,

43-year-old former University of California (Berkeley) head coach, at Illinois and 57-year-old Frank "Muddy" Waters, who did 30 years of head coaching at Hillsdale (Michigan) College and Saginaw Valley College before taking over at Michigan State last January.

Each inherited a handful of fine Big Ten football players and an armload of problems. While new regimes engender waves of reborn enthusiasm, neither Illini nor Spartans should expect dramatic transformations in 1980.

White continues the trend toward passing in a league once infantry dominated. He coached under John Ralston at Stanford and assisted Bill Walsh with the San Francisco 49ers for the last two years. The Illini will throw the football.

Another trend in the Big Ten—accentuated this year—has been to junior-college grads. They once were rare and not notably successful. But now most league squads have four or five, some of them due for prominent roles.

This year alone, Minnesota recruited five JC's, Illinois five, Purdue five, Michigan State three, Northwestern two, and Indiana one.

With a better-balanced league and the probability of closer games, the Big Ten also should continue its popularity at the gate this fall. Michigan led the nation in attendance again last year (104,331 avg.), with Ohio State second (87,399), Michigan State fifth (76,689), Wisconsin seventh (74,013), and Purdue twelfth (68,966).

Notre Dame will fill its stadium every time the Irish kick off, too, and Devine's sixth annual production should keep the faithful cheering most of the time.

Ferguson, who accounted for almost three-fourths of ND's rushing last season, will be missed. But Devine is excited about what he calls his "exceptional sophomores," who should make up for most of the graduation damage and augment returning upperclassmen. And the incoming Irish class is rated number five nationally.

Devine has eight starters back on defense, including All-America candidate Scott Zettek, so maybe this platoon can hold the enemy at bay until the offense gears up. It will be necessary: ND opens against Purdue and follows against Michigan.

The Mid-American Conference will undoubtedly stage its usual wild race in 1980, with Central Michigan trying to defend its title; surprising Toledo attempting to prove it is for real; former champ Ball State hoping to recoup; and a couple of others ambitiously grooming.

The winning reward will be less than expected. The MAC champion was to have played in the new California Bowl, but that has been delayed for another year.

The biennial realignment in the Ohio Conference throws last year's Red Division champion, Denison, into the Blue Division with Wittenberg. Wittenberg walloped single-wing exponent Denison in the 1979 league playoff game, but the Tigers lost all 11 offensive starters and it might be a tossup for the division. Baldwin-Wallace should top the Red Division.

Midwest All-America nominations:
Ohio State—Art Schlichter, QB; Doug Donley, WR; Todd Bell, DB; Al Washington, LB. Michigan—Butch Woolfolk, RB; George Lilja, C; Anthony Carter, SE. Purdue—Mark Herrmann, QB; Dave Young, TE; Tim Seneff, DB. Indiana—Tim Wilbur, DB; Tim Clifford, QB. Min-



Rover Todd Bell performed brilliantly for Ohio State in this year's Rose Bowl.

nesota—Marion Barber, RB, Iowa—John Harry, DT; Jay Hilgenberg, C; Todd Simonsen, LB. Notre Dame—Scott Zettek, DE; Bob Crable, LB.

BIG TEN

OHIO STATE (8-0, 11-1) Then-Buckeye-coach Woody Hayes enjoyed 1977 Thanksgiving dinner with the Schlichter family on its big farm 50 miles from Columbus. Actually, the occasion may not have been significant. But Ohio State fans have been giving thanks ever since that Art Schlichter eventually signed an OSU scholarship tender.

The multitalented junior—named to one major All-America team last year—appears destined to become one of Ohio State's all-time greats, as well as a Big Ten all-time headliner. In only two years, the 20-year-old Schlichter has set a new OSU passing record of 3,066 yards (nearly 500 yards over the previous high), set both single-season passing (1,816) and total-of-fense (2,246) records, and climbed to fourth on the career total-offense ladder at 4,086 yards. Schlichter figures to pass the 4,158 yards of number three Rex Kern—OSU's All-America QB of 1969-70—in the opener against Syracuse.

Nobody appreciates him more than Earle Bruce. Not only because Schlichter is an enormously gifted passer, effective runner, and field general, but because "he's a tough kid, mentally and physically, and a real competitor. Our coaches say sometimes too much of a competitor." Bruce meant that Schlichter's habit of challenging tacklers causes nerves on the sidelines.

If Schlichter is a key for the Buckeyes, he is by no means the sole reason for optimism. Both of his brilliant receivers, Doug Donley and Gary Williams, return. Both are long-range threats with great hands. Donley, who practiced with Schlichter all summer, turned 37 catches into 800 yards last season; Williams, a redshirt freshman, grabbed 25 for 479 yards.

Spring workouts convinced Bruce that Williams is going to be even more a counter threat for Donley. "He's something!" the coach exclaimed. Also joining them this fall will



Doug Donley, Buckeye receiver

be high school all-staters Thad Gibbs, Cedric Anderson, and Garcia Lane.

Tight end is solid, with Brad Dwelle (6-4, 210), who came on strong late last season as a freshman, and Jim Houston (6-3, 222), a high-potential who missed last year because of a pre-season injury. Prize freshmen Judd Groza (6-3, 230), John Frank (6-3, 217), and Joe Dooley (6-6, 250) figure as strong depth.

Two of those names should be familiar. Houston is the son of former OSU and Cleveland Browns' linebacker Jim Houston; Groza the son of former OSU and Browns' great Lou "the Toe" Groza.

Bruce considers tailback another Buckeye strength, with the top four returning: leading rusher Cal Murray (872 yards), Jimmy Gayle, an impressive fill-in when Murray was injured early in the Michigan game, and two touted 1979 freshmen, Tim Spencer and Kelvin Lindsey.

Murray, a 5-11, 180 speedster, has been bothered by injuries, but should be one of the Big Ten's best runners. Spencer, a 200-pounder with 4.5 speed, was switched to fullback in

Purdue's outstanding QB, Mark Herrmann (left) and defensive tackle Calvin Clark (#94)

the spring, because that position needs the help. Bruce has recruited a Texas high school All-American, Victor Langley, who also will be a tailback.

Bruce admits fullback is a concern. "We've got to have somebody come through," he says. Spencer may be the answer, once he masters the new position. Or incoming freshman Vaughn Broadnax, a 6-3, 230-pound all-stater (also state-heavyweight wrestling champ) could figure. Another prospect is much-injured senior Ricky Johnson, a converted tailback, but small for fullback at 188.

Ohio State should be able to move the ball—if the blocking and pass-protecting help develop. "The offensive line is our unknown quantity," Bruce concedes. "We've got to replace a tackle, center, and both guards. I feel confident we can. But we're going to be young and inexperienced—and at tight end also."

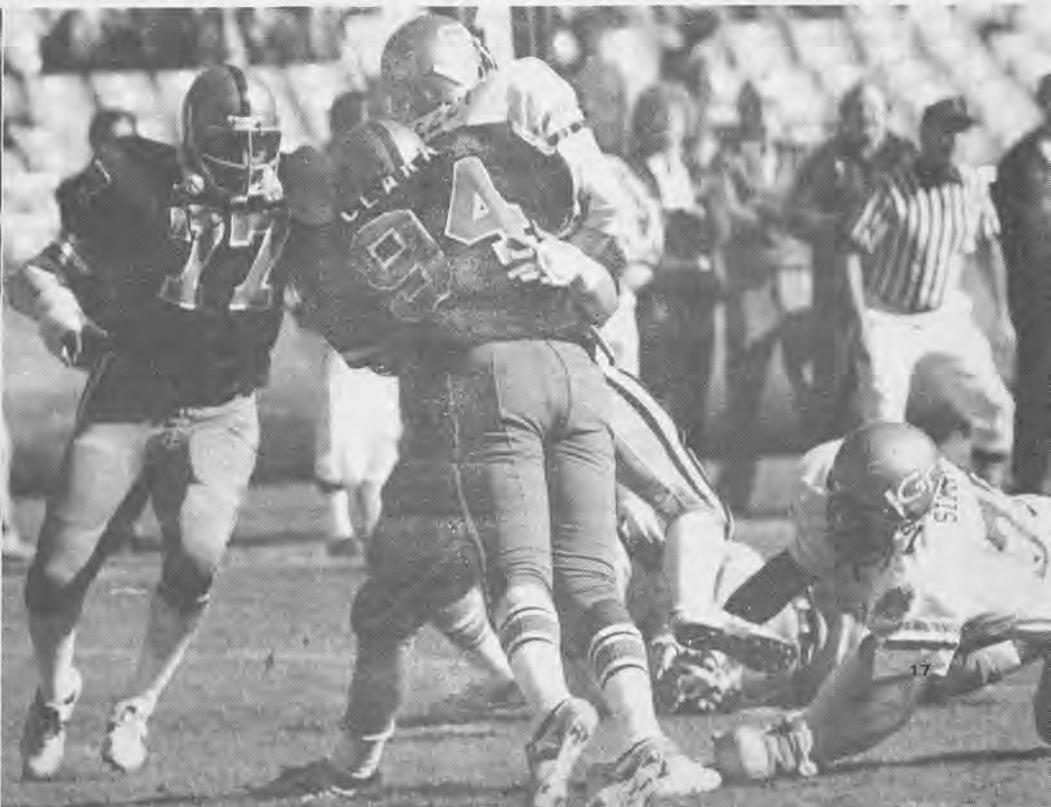
Joe Lukens (6-3, 250) moved in at tackle early last season, as a freshman, and played so well he rated second-team All-Big Ten. He should be one of the league's super sophomores. Scott Burris (6-3, 236) logged considerable time at guard last year, but other line candidates have little or no game testing.

Top center Jim DeLeone (5-11, 212) is getting his first chance, as are Tom Levenick (6-4, 238) at the tackle opposite Lukens and Joe Smith (6-3, 242) or Ernie Epitropoulos (6-2, 230) at the other guard. Bernie Brown (C) and Steve Corbin (T), other strong prospects, are sophomores.

Freshman Scott Apke (6-6, 210), high school All-America, is expected to make an early bid at center, as are all-staters John Carson (6-5, 257), Bill Roberts (6-5, 245), Scott Zalenski (6-5, 235), and Tim Moriarty (6-3, 250), at tackle or guard.

Bruce is counting on freshmen, too, to provide insurance behind Schlichter. Bob Atha, a walk-on place-kicker, is the only quarterback with any varsity experience. Tim Stephens, twice all-state in West Virginia, and Dan Stryfeler, an all-Ohioan, are likely to undergo a crash course in college quarterbacking.

Ohio State's defense, tops in the Big Ten and eighth nationally in defense against scoring,



should be as strong, or stronger, in 1980. Not only are nine positions set with proven hands, but most with standouts.

Tackle Luther Henson (6-2, 270), rover Todd Bell (6-1, 198), and safety Vince Skillings (6-0, 176) were first team All-Big Ten last year. Linebacker Al Washington (6-3, 246) led the team in tackles and linebacker Marcus Marek (6-2, 210) became a starter as a freshman in the second game and finished the number two tackler.

Jerome Foster (6-4, 242) at the other tackle and Tim Sawicki (6-0, 218) at middle guard were the most pleasant developments of last season, while Keith Ferguson (6-5, 232) converted surprisingly from All-Big Ten offensive tackle to outside linebacker. "Ferguson showed great improvement in spring practice," Bruce reported.

Most improved, however, was linebacker Glenn Cobb (6-3, 209), an all-stater who spent his freshman year behind Marek. "He really came on in spring," says Bruce. "He's really a hitter. We may have to move Washington or Marek to the outside (LB)."

Junior Ben Lee (6-0, 212) put in a strong bid for the OLB spot opposite Ferguson last spring.

Skillings, a spectacular-type player, switched to cornerback last spring, with understudy Bob Murphy taking over at safety. Ray Ellis will do his second tour of duty at the other corner position.

Bruce has comforting depth in Tony Megaro (6-2, 227) a converted linebacker at tackle, Mark Sullivan at middle guard, and Rod Gorley and Norm Burrows in the secondary. Also awaited are Shaun Gayle, Jim's brother and a Virginia all-stater, and Doug Hill, a Florida all-stater.

Ohio State has kicking game second to none in the Big Ten—and it will be stronger in '80. Bruce recruited a punter, Karl Edwards, with a 44.6 average as a high school senior.

But already established is senior Tom Orosz, who averaged 41.5 yards last year on 43 punts.

Vlade Janakievski, All-Big Ten place-kicker last season, returns, after converting 43 of 46 extra points and 18 of 21 field goals (fifth nationally). Atha also figures in the place-kicking, mostly on kickoffs.

Bruce likes the schedule. The Buckeyes will be at home for the first four weeks of the year, giving his new personnel plenty of time to acquire experience in the friendly atmosphere of Ohio Stadium.

PURDUE (10-2, 7-1) They probably saved the toughest for last for "super slinger" Mark Herrmann. Without taking anything away from Herrmann, it's fair to say that a considerable factor in Purdue's recent success has also been a rugged defense—second in the Big Ten last year to only Ohio State.

Jim Young's platoon graduated a real chunk of that talent. The defense may not hold off the enemy as it did last year, when it often gave the offense field position and helped the offensive point production add up to winning margins. Also, three of the five interior linemen who provided Herrmann with stubborn pass protection have departed, leaving their duties to inexperienced hands.

No question, Herrmann will be tested. But the 6-5, 195-pound Boilermaker senior probably will be equal to the challenge, particularly since Purdue has its best set of running backs in recent years and both of Herrmann's talented top receivers returning.

Certainly his record already commands a place among all-time Big Ten stars. In three years, Herrmann's powerful arm and quick release have brought 530 of 941 passes in on target for 6,734 yards and 48 TD's, all league records.

Herrmann, eighth in last year's Heisman balloting, isn't a running threat, but he's more mobile than his minus 283 yards in the 1979 rushing stats would suggest and he's become a cool, masterful field leader. His problem has been interceptions, 19 last year for 56 career total. He appears to like bowl games, though. He was MVP in the 1978 Peach Bowl and MVP in the 1979 Bluebonnet Bowl.

Prime target for Herrmann's pitches is Dave Young, a swift 6-6, 235-pound tight end the Boilermakers believe should be All-America. He collected 55 for 584 yards and ten TD's last year, and looked to be every bit as effective in spring drills—as pro scouts noted.

Split end Bart Burrell (6-2, 180) is called the Fred Biletnikoff of the Boilermakers, because he doesn't have great speed but makes dazzling moves and catches. He's a high school teammate of Herrmann's and they collaborated 40 times last year for 607 yards—making it 76 career receptions for Burrell.

JC transfer Stephen Bryant (6-2, 180) made an impression in spring practice at flanker, looking like the deep threat coach Young seeks. Mike Fuettner (6-3, 191) made some good catches late last season and moved more into the picture last spring.

Coach Young admits the backfield corps is a Purdue strength. "This is the best backfield depth we've ever had," he says. Wally Jones (754y) and last year's late-season surprise, Ben McCall (451y), represent a first-rate one-two tailback tandem, and John Macon (488y) returns at fullback. Jimmy Smith, Eric Jordan, and Jimmy Owens are sophomores with exciting potential. A young man named Jeff Speedy lives up to his last name at TB or WB.

Smith arrived last fall as the Big Ten's most heralded rookie, started the first game, and left school in mid-season, unable to cope with a variety of pressures. He's back and as Young reports "looked good in spring practice." He could be a bonus.

Center Pete Quinn (6-2, 234) and tackle Henry Feil (6-4, 255) are Young's two holdover regulars on the interior line, both potential All-Big Ten performers. Two of last year's freshman giants, Tom Jalesky (6-6, 260) and Claybon Fields (6-7, 270), figure in the line. Jalesky held number one tackle opposite Feil after spring practice, with Fields as swing tackle or a possible guard. Guards going into this fall will be letterman Tim Hull (6-3, 227) and converted center Joe Battiglia (6-2, 223). Young frankly admits he can help in the line. One boost might be return of redshirt Steve Schlundt.

The same might be said of defense, where Young must replace five key starters, all in the top ten in tackles and all contributing to Purdue's number one ranking in Big Ten rushing defense.

This fall the strongest area appears to be the secondary, where regulars Bill Kay (CB), Tim Seneff (SS), and Marcus McKinnie (FS) will be



Tailbacks Butch Woolfolk (top) and Stanley Edwards (#32) and linebacker Andy Cannavino are three of Michigan's best.

joined by part-time starter Bob Williams and Larry Perry, a JC transfer who played some last season but came on strong last spring.

The 6-2, 192-pound Kay tied for the Big Ten lead with seven interceptions, although the 6-2, 200-pound Seneff led the backfield in tackles (73). Kay, a senior, gets pro scouts' attention, the hard-hitting Seneff and the 6-2, 190 McKinney, both juniors, are "futures."

Two other Boilermakers with All-Big Ten possibilities are end Tom Kingsbury (5-10, 202), a reckless-abandon athlete who led the team in tackles with 125 and recorded 20 sacks, and tackle Calvin Clark (6-5, 250), who had 85 tackles and 11 sacks.

The remainder of the upfront defense will be inexperienced, at least. Sophomore Matt Hernandez (6-6, 250) held down the tackle opposite Clark last spring, with a challenge from junior Paul Hanna (6-3, 230). Sophomore Andy Gladstone (6-3, 210) battles JC transfer Craig Abreu (6-2, 198) for the other DE assignment, and Tom Munro (6-6, 212) was at middle guard.

Linebacking is considered solid, with James Looney (5-11, 230) and Mike Marks (6-3, 228) backed by a high-rated freshman, Brock Spack (6-2, 215). Looney, another JC grad, and Marks nearly split the time last year as partner to all-time tackle record holder Kevin Motts. They finished with 83 and 82 stops respectively. Looney especially is expected to develop into one of the best in the league.

Young recruited 16 freshmen and four JC transfers last winter, two of them kickers. Rick Anderson, a JC, and Tim Clark, a high school product, will challenge holdovers John Seibel and Walt Drapeza in kicking placements. Seibel converted 34 of 38 extra points, but was 2-8 in field goal tries, while Drapeza was 1-2 and 0-3.

Greg Hayes and Joe Linville will again head up the punting, with 37.8 and 34.0 yard averages. The freshmen also could figure here.

Though Purdue doesn't have to play Ohio State, television did Young and company no favors by switching the Notre Dame game from September 27 to September 6 as a national network attraction. This traditional, emotional neighborhood battle will be at South Bend this year, and the Irish remember a 28-22 loss at West Lafayette last season.

One other factor should be mentioned in assessing Purdue. Young has one comfort Ohio State's Earle Bruce doesn't have: insurance in the event Herrmann should be injured. Larry Gates (6-4, 186), another of the Cincinnati Moeller grads, took the Boilermakers to two touchdowns against UCLA and one against Indiana as a freshman last year, each time after Herrmann was knocked out.

MICHIGAN (8-4, 6-2) If everything looked as bright as the offense, Bo Schembechler would be considerably more optimistic. Nobody in the conference has a bigger, or better, offensive front. Reading across, from tackle to tackle, it presents: Bubba Paris, 6-6, 270; Kurt Becker, 6-6, 240; George Lilja, 6-4, 252; John Powers, 6-3, 265; and Ed Muransky, 6-6, 270.

Schembechler considers center Lilja All-America material. He's a top pro prospect—"runs a five-flat 40, bench presses 420 pounds."

The tackle giants, Paris and Muransky, are expected to become the best pair in recent Michigan history. Becker was a solid regular last year, while Powers hasn't reached All-America because of a series of injuries.

"We should have a good line," attests Schembechler, "and we've got good depth. From tackle to tackle, we've got 11 good kids we're working with."

Michigan's running backs fare no worse than even with any in the Big Ten. They might even be the best. Schembechler concedes, "We've got four real good backs."

Butch Woolfolk, a 6-2, 207-pounder who ran a 9.4 for the 100 in high school and won the Big Ten indoor 300 dash last winter, gained 990 yards in 1979, most ever by a Wolverine sophomore. Though starting only the last five games of the year, Woolfolk led the conference in scoring with 13 TD's and was voted first-team All-Big Ten.

But Woolfolk was seriously challenged last spring by Larry Ricks, a 5-10, 200-pound sophomore who carried 22 times for 100 yards last season. "Rick's had a great spring," Schembechler said. "He's going to be a good one. He looks like a comer."

Also still very much in contention is Stan Edwards, a hard-running 205-pounder who started last year's first six games and gained 633 yards. Last of Schembechler's "big four" is Jerald Ingram, a 6-2, 217-pound sophomore. With two veterans ahead of him last fall, he only carried five times, but also had what Schembechler considered a "good spring."

The only catch, Bo concedes, is that "the top three (Woolfolk, Ricks and Edwards) are tailbacks. One of them is going to have to play fullback. Ingram is the only true fullback. But all four of them will play."

Michigan has one of the league's most spectacular weapons in split end Anthony Carter, a 161-pound speedster who led the Big Ten in punt returns and averaged 27.2 yards per pass catch, scoring seven times. Two of the TD's were bombs in the Big Ten championship game against Ohio State.

"He's good," says Schembechler in obvious understatement.

Carter is backed by Al Mitchell, last year's starter, and Rod Feaster, an injury-plagued senior.

Norm Betts, 6-5, 230 and a solid blocker, moves up at tight end, with Chuck Christian (6-3, 219) as back-up.

Which brings us to Michigan's uncertainty—the vital quarterback. Schembechler is optimistic. "We're satisfied with what we've got and with what we've got coming in," he says. But the situation is at best unproven.

Rich Hewlett, who started against Ohio State as a freshman last fall (after playing only briefly until then), took nearly every snap in spring practice. Last year's regular, B.J. Dickey, was dropped from the squad and John Wangler, a starter in several games, was recovering from knee surgery.

Schembechler rates the 6-1, 197-pound Hewlett "a good prospect" as an option quarterback. He'll start fall drills as number one. If Wangler is mended, he'll probably again be used mostly in passing situations (78 completions, 1,431 yards, 8 TD's).

But the answer might be incoming freshman Steve Smith, a high school All-America with a fantastic career record (4,020 yards passing, 44 TD's, 2,137 yards rushing, 35 TD's). "He's got (Rick) Leach's attributes and more," says Schembechler, usually reluctant to talk much about freshmen. "He can run so much faster.

He's 6-1 and three quarters; he runs a 4.5 (for 40 yards); he has a gun for an arm; and he's a fighter."

Michigan led the Big Ten last year in rushing (by fewer than two yards per game average) and in total offense (by three yards average) over Ohio State. It will have to be a little better this fall, because the defense isn't likely to be as strong—and it gave up 151 points last year.

Only four starters return: Mel Owens (6-2, 236), should be one of the league's better outside linebackers; Mike Trgovac (6-2, 235), All-Big Ten middle guard, switched successfully to tackle last spring; Andy Cannavino (6-1, 220) linebacker who led in tackles (151) last season; and Stu Harris (SS). But on the first day of spring practice, Harris tore up a knee and his availability this fall depends on recovery from surgery. He's replaced by Jeff Reeves (6-1, 192), who started several games in late 1979.

Brightest spot in the gigantic rebuilding project is sophomore Keith Bostic, who Schembechler attests "is going to be a great safety." But he played only briefly last year, as did Brian Carpenter and Gerald Diggs, who claimed the other two secondary spots last spring. It's going to be an inexperienced crew—replacing three three-year starters, two of whom were All-Big Ten.

Sophomore Paul Girgash (6-1, 203) will replace Michigan's all-time tackle record-holder Ron Simpkins at inside linebacker, teaming with Cannavino. Sophomore Jim Herrmann (6-2, 208) is another good prospect. Letterman Dave Nicolau (6-5, 232) probably will be the tackle opposite Trgovac, although high-rated freshmen Stefan Humphries (6-4, 230) and Vince DeFelice (6-3, 240) should figure as the season moves along.

Schembechler feels easier, if not relieved, about another 1979 problem, kicking. The Wolverines had four punts blocked—two led to defeats—and made only 4 of 13 field goals.



Wide receiver Anthony Carter had 7 TD's for Wolverines in '79.

Sophomore Ali Haji-Sheiki (4-for-4 on PAT's, 0-6 on FG's) improved last spring as both place-kicker and punter. He has a strong leg and will definitely place-kick this fall. However, Schembechler recruited a punter from Wyoming, Don Bracken, he considers the solution to that problem.

For a rebuilding team, Michigan's schedule





is good in that its toughest games are in the final two weeks. But then it's Purdue and Ohio State, back-to-back.

INDIANA (8-4, 5-3) "You don't pay off on last year," Lee Corso reminds. He's been frustrated before, when he thought he had the Hoosiers ready to crash through. But he also doesn't downgrade the residual effects of an eight-win season, a fourth-place Big Ten finish, and not only earning the school's second-ever bowl trip, but winning the contest.

Also, the Hoosiers have more than carry-over momentum going for them. Corso returns seven regulars from an offense that gained 4,580 yards and scored 314 points and nine starters on defense.

All of the graduation vacancies have been filled by promotion of back-ups. More important, after spring practice Corso decided, "It looks like we've made some improvement in team depth... which should indicate we should be able to make some kind of run for it as the season goes along."

Heart of the offense is quarterback Tim Clifford, a 6-1, 200-pounder who came into his own last year. "I said by mid-season he had to be the most valuable player in the Big Ten in terms of what he did for our team," Corso recalls, "and the award confirmed that other people thought so, too."

Clifford, who hit 160 of 228 passes for 2,078 yards and 13 TD's, was voted the Big Ten's MVP. Late in the season, when defenses set for him, Corso says Clifford "ran the option very well," although his season net was only 80 yards. "He gives us what Staubach does," says Corso.

Indiana's ground attack is another strength, creating an ideal balance with the passing. Mike Harkrader, though bothered by a succession of injuries, is still within 100 yards of the school's all-time rushing record (he has 2690).

Lonnie Johnson will again alternate at tailback, where he gained 708 yards last season. At 6-2, 209, Johnson is more a power runner, where the 5-7, 189 Harkrader is more elusive. Sophomores Al Christy and Robert Taylor had good springs, lending depth. Still another sophomore candidate is Rob Harkrader, Mike's young brother.

Al Darrig and Nate Lundy, each of whom started games last year, return at flanker, but fullback will be new. However, Jerry Bowers was the starter against BYU in the Holiday Bowl and retained the job in spring drills, against the challenge of John Mineo and Kevin Burke.

"Our offensive backs are very efficient," insists Corso. "Really good football players."

Clifford's favorite target, tight end Bob Stephenson, will be back and more awesome than ever. The 6-3, 234-pounder grabbed 49 passes for 564 yards last fall. He'll again be backed by Dave Harangody (6-4, 252), a starter before missing all of 1978 with injuries. Split end is to be replaced. Steve Corso, the coach's son, and Glenn Brooks alternated there in the spring.

Indiana's offensive front is set with holdover starters Gerald Ahing (6-5, 258) at tackle, Jeff Goldin (6-1, 240) at guard, and alternate centers Lucky Wallace (6-2, 240) and Kevin Speer (6-4,

Iowa linebacker Todd Simonsen stops a Minnesota ball carrier in midair in 1979 contest.

250) joined by lettermen Chuck Gammon (6-5, 256) at tackle and Mike Otto (6-4, 270) at guard.

Indiana's offense accounted for nine all-time school records in 1979. Clifford set four records himself and should eclipse all passing and total-offense marks with anything like a good year.

With Clifford pitching for the Hoosier baseball team last spring, sophomore Cam Cameron, senior Chad Huck, and converted defensive back Mark Sutor got a lot of work at quarterback. But there's no doubt what Clifford means to this team.

Corso's main concern, heading into his eighth season, is slowing down the opposition. "Our defense was porous at times last year," he notes. One of those times was when Ohio State scored 47 points. And Purdue ran up 37 in the finale and Brigham Young 37 in the Holiday Bowl (against Indiana's 38).

"We think we've improved," Corso adds, "but that's to be seen."

One problem was inexperience. Returning nine starters, plus a 1977-78 regular, should help. Terry Tallen (6-0, 228), second-leading tackler, switches to linebacker, where he joins leading tackler Craig Walls (6-1, 210). Denver Smith (5-11, 246) moves into Tallen's middle guard spot, where he started in the Holiday Bowl. Mark Longshore, a starter five times in 1979, takes over the one vacant backfield job. The lineup is otherwise intact.

Standout of the defensive unit is cornerback Tim Wilbur, a 6-foot, 190 junior who was All-Big Ten last season and who has set school records for interceptions and yardage returned, in only two years. Chuck Alexander and Steve Mitchell resume as safeties, with Dart Ramsey and Dave Weir as back-ups with starting experience.

Major addition is tackle Al Leake (6-3, 242), who was a regular in 1977-78 but missed all of last year. He reclaimed a spot in spring practice, with Mark Rodriguez (6-1, 264) at the other end and Ken Ball (6-2, 270) and Marty Young (6, 252) as experienced help.

Brent Tisdale (6-4, 245), voted last year's outstanding defensive player, and Eric DeBord (5-11, 205) will handle the ends again, with three-game starter Craig Kumerow (6-3, 218) in reserve.

Corso signed 16 freshmen and says he's "very happy with this group," although most of them apparently will figure more in the future than in 1980. But one punter/place-kicker Don Geister, will bet his chance immediately. The Maryland high school standout averaged 44 yards as a punter, with one 74-yarder, and set a state record with a 55-yard field goal. Kevin Kellogg, who converted 26 of 27 extra-point tries and three of four field goals last year, will also be back this fall.

A crucial game for Indiana could be its opener against Iowa—at home. If it gets by that, it could be rolling by the time it runs into Ohio State in mid-season—in Columbus.

IOWA (5-6, 4-4) "I got to be optimistic," laughs Hayden Fry, the square-jawed Texan. "I only got a five-year contract and one of those is gone already."

He's not under that much pressure. Not after Season 1 at Iowa City. The Hawkeyes bounced from 2-9 and eighth in the Big Ten to a respected fifth—first time in the first division in nine years.

Fry, a second cousin of the late President

Lyndon B. Johnson, has other reasons to be optimistic: six solid regulars returning on offense and six on defense, suitable replacements for grads, and a freshman team said to be on the fringe of great.

"We'll definitely be a better football team," says the 51-year-old former Marine captain. "We've had a year; the players know us; we know them. Our total offense and defense should be better than last year."

Fry's first Hawks posted the school's third-high yardage total (3,799) and fourth-best point total (230). Tailback Dennis Mosley became Iowa's first-ever 1,000 yard runner. Replacing Mosley is Fry's foremost problem, but there again he's optimistic: "I don't see any reason to say we won't have another (1,000-yard rusher)"

He has two holdovers, Phil Blatcher and Dwayne Williams, who played some last year, and another letterman, Jeff Brown, who was switched from wide receiver last spring. But the veterans apparently will have to run fast and far to stay ahead of an array of touted freshmen, especially as the latter catch onto Fry's wide-open, variety offense.

"We thought we did an excellent job of recruiting running backs," he says, citing five with impressive credentials:

Eddie Phillips (6-1, 210) and J.C. Love (5-11, 180), two highly recruited Chicagoans; Glenn Buggs (6-1, 210), a junior-college transfer; Norm Granger (6-1, 195), all-stater from New Jersey; and Dave Stroebel (6-4, 215), Minnesota all-stater (who, Fry notes, "high-jumped 6-6 in track").

Regular quarterback Phil Suess (6-5, 188) returns, but so do Pete Gales (6-3, 164), who started three games last year when Suess was hurt, and Gordy Bohannon (6-2, 184), who started once. All three led Iowa to at least one victory apiece.

Suess, a fifth-string defensive back who had never taken a snap from center in a varsity game, hit 88 passes for 1,165 yards and nine TD's; Gales 22 for 281, and Bohannon 13 for 202. Bohannon, a junior-college grad, really improved last spring. "He knows the system now," Fry explains. "In one scrimmage, he completed eight of ten for 253 yards."

The Hawkeyes have an established fullback in Dean McKillup, a 6-2, 207-pounder who ran for 412 yards. He is backed by senior Louie Burke.

Four of the top five receivers are gone, but Keith Chappelle, a JC transfer, caught 22 passes for 340 yards last year and may be the super target Fry seeks. Tight end position was not settled in the spring, but freshman John Alt, a 6-7, 230 high school All-America should help.

Iowa's line builds around Jay Hilgenberg (6-3, 230), an All-Big Ten pick last year. This season, he could match his father, Jerry, who was an All-America center for the Hawkeyes in the 1950's. Matt Petrelka (6-7, 251) at tackle and Greg Gilbaugh (6-3, 237) and Dave Mayhan (6-4, 230) at the guards are other holdover regulars, leading Fry to say, "We'll be O.K. in the offensive line."

Iowa's defense made a greater improvement than its offense last year, ranking fourth in the Big Ten in total yards and in points yielded. Linebacker Levin Weiss was to that unit what Mosley was to the offense. But, though Weiss hasn't been replaced as yet, the Hawks have another LB with as much, if not more, potential:



Todd Simonsen. The 6-3, 235 junior was second only to Weiss with 101 tackles and had a spectacular spring. Fry can't believe there's a better linebacker around, nor a better defensive tackle than John Harty (6-6, 256). Both should be at least All-Big Ten candidates, if not more.

Mark Bortz (6-6, 245), tackle; Pat Dean (6-2, 240), nose guard; and Bryan Skradis (6-2, 210), end, are other line regulars returning.

The number one defense—Fry saluted it as "amazing"—in spring practice also listed Andre Triplett (6-4, 220) at end, Mel Cole (6-2, 218) at linebacker, Bobby Stoops, Kent Ellis, Lou King, and Tracy Crocker in the secondary. Though Stoops is the only 1979 regular, Fry says, "I believe we're going to be better in the secondary than last year. All of the people have been there."

Kicking is another solid department. As a freshman last year, Reggie Roby missed the Big Ten punting championship by two-tenths of a yard (42.6 average) and made good on 22 of 25 PAT's and 5 of 11 FG's.

Fry doesn't think the Hawkeyes have arrived. By comparison with some of the league powers, he says, "We don't have the depth. But once we get rolling here, we'll be competing with the big boys."

The Hawkeyes could worry some of the "big boys" this fall. Their opening game at Indiana may be a tip-off—for both teams.

WISCONSIN (4-7, 3-5) Spring did a lot more than sprout flowers and corn. It revitalized Dave McClain and his Badger football squad. "We had one of the best spring practices I've ever been around," says McClain, who's been "around" about 25 of them as player and coach. "The mental attitude was great. We'll be a heck of a lot better team. I don't think there's any comparison between a year ago and now."

Not only what he saw in the spring, but what he'll see this fall hypes McClain's spirits. He'll greet his second promising freshman squad. "We recruited five high school All-Americans. First time we've done that."

How much the Badgers climb in the standings will depend on "keeping our offense healthy," as McClain puts it. Specifically, the key will be keeping quarterback John Jostens in the lineup.

"Jostens is excellent, EXCELLENT," the coach notes. "He had a super spring. But for two years now he's been hurt [in the fall]. If he stays healthy, with the running backs we've got—five really excellent ones—we could be a real surprise football team." The 6-1, 188 Jostens, who can run as well as pass, exited in the third game as a freshman and in the opener last year—with a broken ankle—when he was having a good day against Purdue.

Dave Mohapp, 5-11, 222-pound senior fullback, was Wisconsin's leading rusher last year (603 yards), but will be challenged by 6-2, 250-pound sophomore Gerald Green (308 yards).

Iowa's Reggie Roby (top left) was outstanding frosh; QB Phil Suess (left) led Hawkeye offense; **Dave Ahrens (#41 right) excels** at LB for Wisconsin; **Dave Mohapp (#28 top right)** and **Chuck Davis (right)** paced the Badger running attack last season.

Troy King still ranks as the number one tailback, but last year's freshman flash, Chunky Davis (407 yards), had "a super spring," according to McClain—as did Green. John Williams is another top returning back.

There's also excitement about incoming freshman Jim Melka, one of the high school All-Americans. "He's a big tailback, 6-2½, 230, and he can run," reports McClain. "They say he's the greatest thing to come out of the state since Alan Ameche."

Three transfers also bolster the Badgers. Greg Rabas (6-4, 235), moving from Nebraska, is expected to be an outstanding tight end; Mark Orszula (6-3, 270), from Missouri, is figured to fill one open offensive tackle; and Craig Fredericks (6-3, 270) is figured to fill one open offensive tackle; and Craig Fredericks (6-3,

215), a 1979 JC transfer, is battling Marvin Neal (5-9, 165) for the flanker job.

Joe Rothbauer (6-0, 238) and high-rated Bob Winckler (6-4, 285) will be back at center and one guard, respectively, with letterman Leo Joyce (5-11, 250) at the other guard and Jerry Doerger (6-5, 238) or Ron Versnik (5-4, 255) at the other tackle.

McClain also notes, "We needed some big offensive linemen and we went out and got some," including prep All-America Carlton Walker (6-5, 290) and Kevin Belcher (6-6, 265).

Tim Straka (25 receptions for 289 yards) is All-Big Ten potential at split end and freshman Jeff Nault (6-4, 230) could figure at tight end.

"That's a good offensive team," McClain claims, "but depth is our biggest problem."

The Badgers finished ninth in the Big Ten

defensively last year. McClain concentrated on that in spring practice and believes "Our defense is much, much improved. We're much better on team speed and we've got some depth."

Outside linebacker Dave Ahrens (6-3, 230), a second-team All-Big Ten, heads up the six full-time starters from last year. The others are linebacker Larry Spurlin (6-0, 222), the team's top tackler (108), nose guard Tim Krumrie (6-2, 226), outside linebacker Kyle Borland (6-3, 205), cornerback Ross Anderson, and safety Dave Greenwood. Tackle Tommy Booker (6-4, 245) started most games, tackle Mark Shumate (6-4, 250) a few, cornerback Clint Sims one, and outside linebacker Guy Boliaux (6-0, 203) three before being injured.

Both Booker and Shumate are listed as





Minnesota has two of the best running backs in the Big 10 in Marion Barber (#41) and Garry White.

starters this fall, along with Boliaux and Sims. Dave Levenick (6-2, 217) will be the other linebacker, Dan Messenger at the other safety and JC transfer Ron Stephenson at the other corner. Anderson and Vaugh Thomas are also still in the backfield picture.

Freshmen may also push for attention on defense. Nault could be a linebacking candidate and Daryl Sims (6-4, 245) and Mike Shilakes (6-7, 265) were highly recruited scholastic linemen.

Greenwood, an outstanding athlete, will again do the Badger punting, after averaging 40.5 yards as a freshman. Soph Pat Hady probably will add PAT's and FG's to his kickoff duties this year.

For all the optimism, McClain has some sobering thoughts for Wisconsin's enthusiastic fans. "We've got a long way to go," he reminds. "We're going to be awfully young. Out of our first 44, we'll have 26 sophomores. We could start as few as two seniors. That's mighty, mighty young."

But it says the program is on the upgrade.

MNNSOTA (4-6-1, 3-5-1) Joe Salem is facing one of the league's more extensive rebuilding projects with a sense of humor. "We lost our top three quarterbacks and five of six front people are gone on offense," he enumerates. "We do have a few players back on defense, but the defense has to be improved greatly over the end of last year. "If we can get all those problems solved," he grins, "we can have a decent team."

Inexperience is obvious: the Gophers have only three starters, nine lettermen in all, on offense; five starters, 15 lettermen overall, on defense.

Salem agrees to one break. "All three of our running backs return," he points out. "We've got good running backs." In fact, Minnesota

has two of the best, fullback Gary White (861y) and tailback Marion Barber (526 yards). Third top back is Glenn Lewis (271 yards, plus 490 yards on kickoff returns).

Barber, 6-3, 221 and with excellent speed, didn't have his best year in 1979, but Minnesotans believe he should be an All-America this fall. He'll probably figure in the pass offense again, after catching 25 for 337 yards last year. The 5-10, 206-pound White is an ideal running mate.

Salem's prime concern is an engineer for his "run-and-shoot" offense. To complicate matters, junior Greg Pylatiuk tore ligaments in his knee last spring after establishing himself as number one QB. Salem hopes he'll be back. Transfer Bruce Olson took over after Pylatiuk's

injury and will be a prime prospect for the job. Soph Tom Pence is another candidate.

Receiving is promising, with speedy veteran Roy Artis (25 receptions for 280 yards) being pushed by junior Chester Cooper (6-2, 192) at flanker. Letterman Kelvin Jenkins is at split end.

Ken Dallaflor (6-4, 271) was Minnesota's most consistent lineman last fall and should be All-Big Ten timber at tackle. He'll get help from sophomore Ed Olson (6-3, 236) at center and two JC All-Americans, Eric Peterson (6-4, 241) and Wally Kersten (6-6, 272). "They (Peterson and Kersten) got better in spring practice," Salem reports. "I think they'll come along. As we gain more experience, we should be decent on the line of scrimmage." But Dallaflor represents the only experience available.



Steve Smith (#20) led Michigan St. in rushing while Barnard Hay was second in team tackles.

The Gophers finished third in total offense in the Big Ten last year, and set a school record of 264 points. Even with Barber and White, it's unlikely they'll come close to that in 1980.

Salem is determined "the defense has got to get better. We played very poorly at the end of the season." The platoon gave up 42, 31, and 42 points in its last three starts, accounting for a skid to eighth in Big Ten total defense.

The secondary is a solid starting point, with Dana Noel, Mike Robb, Glenn Cardelli, Ken Foxworth, and Mike Peppe returning, all with game experience. Noel, at cornerback, and the 6-2, 193-pound Robb are top prospects.

Boost for the defense is the return of Jim Fahnhurst (6-4, 221), a first-rate linebacker who was sidelined early last year with an injury. He teams with holdover regular Glen Howard (6-2, 224), with letterman Todd Peterson (6-2, 221) in reserve.

Tackle is set with Kevin Kellin (6-6, 242), rated best of the defensive players, and Steve Bisch (6-5, 251), who had a good spring. Fred Orgas (6-4, 239), who played some as a freshman last year, and Jeff Schuk (6-3, 224), another fine athlete, lead defensive end prospects, but Virgil Thomas (6-0, 201), switched from running back, looked like a find in spring practice, because of his speed. Nose guard going into the fall will be Brent Harms (6-2, 218), with several freshmen expected to bolster the thin position.

One of Minnesota's major losses by graduation was place-kicker Paul Rogind, who far exceeded previous school records for field goals (44). PAT's (85) and most points scored (217). A successor is yet to be found. Punter Tom Smith (37.1 Av.) does return.

With a king-size rebuilding job and such a young football team, Salem can't feel kindly toward the schedule maker. After the Ohio U. opener, the Gophers visit Ohio State, face Southern Cal at home, go to Purdue two Saturdays later, and host Michigan the next week in Minneapolis.

MICHIGAN STATE (5-6, 3-5) Whatever happens this fall, it has already been an out-of-the-ordinary year for Spartan football.

Darryl Rogers and most of his staff suddenly packed themselves off to sunnier Arizona State in January, deep into the recruiting season. Great was the upset, especially among the players.

MSU filled the head coaching vacancy on January 29. The choice surprised multitudes, puzzled some, and displeased at least a few. Franklin Dean "Muddy" Waters was not the "name" coach fans had apparently expected. He did have a distinguished 26-year college head coaching record—but at small-college Hillsdale and Saginaw Valley. MSU Alumnus Waters did literally "bleed Spartan green" and was highly respected. But he also reached his 57th birthday only hours after his appointment. Many coaches retire at that age, or earlier, much less start a whole new career. But Muddy soothed the troubled waters, and joy, though maybe not optimism, reigns in Mudville going into the 1980 season. Waters did a better job of recruiting than anyone dared expect under the circumstances. Spartan players, as he read it, "seemed to come together as a team" during spring practice. Spirit had begun to regenerate even during the winter weight program.

MSU fans seem to have fallen into line.

Waters is a homespun, father-figure type, in contrast to Rogers. Example: non-scholarship athletes are universally termed "walk-ons," but Muddy says, "We call 'em 'run-ons.' We don't let 'em walk around here."

Waters inherited five offensive and five defensive regulars among 38 lettermen from a squad that proved to be the biggest disappointment of last year (MSU had been co-Big Ten champion in 1978 and rated among top 1979 pre-season favorites).

"We're very thin," Waters decided after a get-acquainted spring practice. "We're small. We do have a few good, skilled people and we do have pretty good quickness. But we're bound to have some problems." One of the latter is determining a quarterback. Numbers aren't the problem. Waters looked at seven in spring tests and has two frosh QB's coming in—one of them a top-notcher, Addie Gaddis.

At one time, Muddy threatened to work a QB shuttle, but he says "(Bert) Vaughn is the guy to beat out." The 6-4, 212 Vaughn started last season with high ratings, but was injured early and missed much of the year (57 completions for 729 yards). Bryan Clark (6-3, 182) played most of the way (64 for 800 yards) and is now a close number two, with sophomores John Leister, Jon English, and Denis Lavelle still in competition.

Waters feels "we're in fair shape in the backfield," because 1979's three alternate tailbacks return. Ground-gaining leader Steve Smith (927 yards) is one of the best in the Big Ten (fourth in rushing last year) and Derek Hughes (626) and Bruce Reeves (213) are proven ball carriers. Hughes (6-3, 190) was switched to fullback last spring, where veteran Andy Scramm (6-2, 222) also returns.

The Spartan receiving corps was hit hard by graduation, but Sampson Howard (5 catches, 98 yards) is a good prospect at split end, along with Jim Williams (16 for 180 yards) and sophomore Marv Mantos (6-4, 230).

Pat Mitten (6-5, 238) switched from defensive tackle to tight end but underwent knee surgery last spring. He's expected back, with Johnny Lee Haynes (6-2, 226) as back-up.

Waters is converting Michigan State's defense to a 4-4 and even then sees "some problems. We're real slim." Last year's middle guard, Bernard Hay (6-3, 234), moved to tackle and looked good. Sophomore Ron Mitchem (6-4, 270) staked out the other tackle.

Waters thought linebacking "came on good," with Terry Bailey (6-4, 232) and Steve Maidlow (6-2, 229), two holdovers, standing out. Regular John McCormick (6-2, 212) resumes at OLB. Jim Burroughs, Jim Milhizer, both '79 regulars, and Mike Marshall head up a promising secondary.

Michigan State's headline attractions, however, are the kickers. Ray Stachowicz, rated an All-America, averaged 44.3 yards for 62 punts last year, fifth-best in the NCAA. Junior Morten Andersen, from Denmark, went 25-for-25 on PAT's last fall and 11-for-18 on FG's.

"This is going to be a year of discovery for us," Waters decides. "Which is another way of saying a rebuilding year."

ILLINOIS (2-8-1, 1-6-1) Fans who complained that the Illini played too conservative football should be happy with the new regime. Mike White moved in last December and, as he says,

is "totally changing offensive concepts and totally changing defense (from a 5-2 to a pro 4-3)."

The 43-year-old former California (Berkeley) head coach and San Francisco 49ers' assistant is in line with the trend toward wide-open attacks in the Big Ten. "That's always been our style," he confirms. "A lot of people establish the run first. We establish the pass first."

White had a history of great quarterbacks at Stanford (where he was an assistant) and at California. It's a key position in any offense, especially the one planned for Illinois.

But the general uncertainty exists at QB, too. White brought in two California JC transfers, Dave Wilson (6-3, 215) and Tony Easton (6-4, 205), who are "more suited to our system." But they're inexperienced. The leading prospect after spring exams—White has weekly "exams," rather than scrimmages—was 6-1, 205-pound Rich Weiss, who developed into one of the Big Ten's better QB's in 1978 but who missed virtually all of last year with an injury. "He's got athletic ability," White attests. "He's mostly run the option, but he throws the ball pretty good." Also still in contention are 1979 starter Tim McAvoy and sophomore Lance Hofer.

With the backs very much involved in the pass game, holdovers Wayne Strader (24 receptions, 135 yards) and 238-pound Cal Thomas (24 for 135 yards) seem suited at fullback. White thought Strader had an "outstanding spring." Tailback Mike Holmes (25 catches, 127 yards, 792 yards rushing), second team All-Big Ten, was slowed by injuries in the spring, but sophomore Mitchell Brookins, who ran wild against Northwestern in the 1979 finale, and junior Joe Curtis made a strong spring impression.

All of the receivers return, including Greg Foster (22 receptions, 180 yards), John Lopez (16 for 296), Kenny Shaw, Greg Dentino and Mike Martin, and TE's Lee Boeke (18 for 166 yards) and Mike Sherrod (17 for 227).

The line faces a "big conversion," White explains, with pass, run, draw, screen, etc. adjustments. Senior tackle Tim Norman (6-6, 280) caused concern with knee surgery in the spring, but is now expected back. Others with an edge for number one are John Mulchrone (6-3, 280) at tackle, Mike Carrington (6-2, 241) and Troy McMillin (6-3, 243) switching from center, at guards, and Craig Boeke (6-5, 263) taking over at center.

Illinois' defense also faces conversion problems, but not so drastically as the offense. It may be the salvation at least through early season. Linebacker is the strength, with Kelvin Adkins (6-3, 225), a genuine All-Big Ten prospect; second-team All-Big Ten Earnest Adams (6-2, 230) and John Gillen (6-3, 227); Jack Squire (6-3, 229) and Pete Mulchrone (6-3, 223).

Dave Dwyer (6-3, 250) and Darryl Wilson (6-4, 247) at tackle and Ken Gillen (6-4, 230) lead the up-front candidates, with last year's middle guard Kenny Durell (6-3, 230) still in consideration.

White also recruited "six or seven" freshmen who may shore up that area. One is Mark Butkus (6-5, 245), nephew of Illinois All-America Dick Butkus. Others include Jimmy Covington (6-5, 245), Tom Buron, and Terry Cole (6-6, 220), an all-state basketball player.

Rich George and Bonji Bonner are veteran defensive backs, but this may be another place



Safety Tom Gibbons (left) and linebacker Bob Crable lead Notre Dame.

for high-rated freshmen, tops being converted QB Larry Mosley.

White also recruited an outstanding freshman kicker, Mike Bass, whose father is an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Bucs.

"We inherited some talent," White agrees. "What we do next fall will depend on how fast these skilled kids mold together as an offensive unit."

He says he hates the words rebuilding, "and transition." But he admits, "There's no way you can hide from reality." That's Illinois 1980.

NORTHWESTERN (1-10, 0-9) Still the youngest coach in the Big Ten at 33, Rick Venturi retains his enthusiasm, even after 0-10-1 and 1-10-0 seasons. But he's like a man on a treadmill. "I feel our program is improving," he says—and not just because his Wildcats managed their first win last year. "But I also feel the Big Ten has improved tremendously."

While taking their lumps, the Wildcats proved something to Venturi. "We proved that at times we can play with people. We played competitive football at times. We had a couple of big performances." He obviously had in mind a 16-7 loss to champion Ohio State, 20-16 loss to runner-up Purdue, and a win over Wyoming.

Venturi dispensed with the traditional intra-squad scrimmage, but spring practice suggested that "stability" may be real, with more upperclassmen at the top and less switching around.

One switch, however, may have been significant. Chris Capstran (6-4, 212), who started three games at quarterback last year, "had a strong desire to move to defense." Venturi notes, "and did a fine job there last spring." Not only did it bolster outside linebacker, but "it

cleared up the quarterback picture," adds Venturi. Mike Kerrigan, a strong-armed 6-3, 190 drop-back passer, took command and goes into this fall as a proven leader. He started seven games last year (82 completions, 961 yards).

Northwestern scored only 115 points last year—tenth in the Big Ten in total offense—but could improve on that if all its backs show up healthy this fall. Leading rusher Jeff Cohn (426 yards), "a doggone good football player" in Venturi's book, Dave Mishler (6-0, 215), and Dave Calloway (6-3, 215) are the veterans. Two 1979 recruits Venturi rated highly, Keith Dennis (6-2, 210) and Ricky Edwards, sat out last year with injuries and are "tentative" going into the 1980 season. If either or both are ready, it will be a bonus. Also, the 1980 recruits include two more big runners of promise, Jim Browne (6-1, 217) and Mark Ignatowitz (6, 210).

Fifth-year man Todd Sheets (43 catches, 614 yards) gives Kerrigan a Big Ten-caliber receiver and WB Dave Bahoric will be another target, along with letterman John Finn (6-6, 215) and soph Steve Kaiser (6-6, 205) at TE.

Return of fifth-year man Jim Ford (6-4, 255) and Bill Greer (6-4, 240) bolsters offensive tackle, and JC transfers Bill Gerber (6-3, 217) and Eric Tuttle (6-5, 245) moved in as one-two centers last spring. Guard is a scramble among Kelby Brown, Bill Drzanik, Jim Crowder, and Pat Erdman.

The Wildcat defense, also last in the Big Ten, has what Venturi considers healthy competition by a score of candidates. Last year produced two standouts by any standards. Linebacker Chuck Kern (6-2, 210), now a senior, led the team with a record 227 tackles, indicating that the defensive unit must have been on the field quite a bit. He rated second-team All-Big Ten (AP), as did Sheets on offense.

Bobby Anderson (5-11, 187) started as a freshman free safety last year and was listed among All-Big Ten honorable mentions by the coaches (UPI).

With Anderson this fall will be two other 1979 rookie starters, Lou Tiberi and Roosevelt Groves. Dave Hoffman switched from free safety to rover in the spring and nailed down the job.

Kern's inside LB partner will be Tim Kadelec (6-3, 220) or Tom Epoch (6-2, 215), while Capstra joins a group of outside LB's, Dean Payne (6-4, 210), Jim Karstens (6-6, 205), Chris Hinton (6-4, 218), and Jerome Wood (6-3, 190). OLB is a Wildcat strength, prompting Venturi to suggest, "We could move one or two to strengthen other places."

Brian Stasiewicz (5-11, 220) is an experienced nose guard, while tackle is still a competition among Richard Moore (6-4, 220), Jack Meade (6-7, 225), both sophomores, and juniors Don Bambauer (6-4, 240) and Bill Gildner (6-4, 237).

Bob Schmitt (34.5 yard average) will be back to do the punting, but Jay Anderson will be a new place-kicker.

INDEPENDENTS

NOTRE DAME (7-4) Dan Devine is kind of proud of an original phrase. "I've never described a team this way," says the 55-year-old leader of the Irish legions. "But I describe this team as 'young and experienced,' where you usually say 'young and inexperienced.'"

In cold figures, Devine has 38 lettermen, six starters on offense, eight on defense. Seven of last year's 24 freshmen earned monograms. But that latter statistic veils what Devine considers the most exciting and optimistic aspect of his fifth Notre Dame team.

Devine mentioned a few of the soph headliners: Tony Hunter (SE), John Sweeney (FB), Tom Thayer (G), Randy Ellis, Mike Shiner, John Putzstuck (all T's), Phil Carter (HB); on defense: Dave Duerson (CB), Roddy Bone (S), Mark Zavagnin, Joe Rudzinski (LB's), and Bob Clasby (T).

The scope of Devine's offensive retooling can be suggested in statistics. Departed All-America Vagas Ferguson accounted for 1,437 of ND's 2,025 rushing yards on 301 of its 516 rushes; QB Rusty Lisch handled 208 of ND's 259 pass plays for 1,781 of its 2,158 air yards.

It may mean a change in offensive emphasis this year, but first priority will be to settle on a quarterback. Three seniors handled the work in spring practice: 6-4, 194 Tim Koegel (13 completions, 175 yards), 6-2, 195 Mike Courey (6 for 104 yards) and 6-4, 190 Gary Knafele (1 for 17 yards). "None stepped out and demonstrated he's number one," Devine says, "like I hoped. They're all about equal." Koegel is strictly a drop-back passer, Courey a runner.

ND recruited two freshmen whom Devine rates "outstanding": Scott Grooms, 6-2, 190 All-America who succeeded Art Schlichter at Miami-Trace (Ohio) high school, and Blair Kiel, Indiana's 6-1, 185 all-state QB. Both are running/passing threats, suiting Irish preference.

"I have started a freshman quarterback," Devine recalls, then quickly adds, "not often. But on the surface, it looks like these kids have the capability of challenging. I'm going to keep an open mind."

If one of the five takes over—probably a rookie—and delivers, Notre Dame should have an offense at least up to last year's 243 points, 4,183 yards.

Not many teams, if any, have better receivers. Hunter, a 6-5, 210-pounder with enough speed to justify playing split end, should have been on everybody's all-fresh team last year when he led the nation in average gain per catch: 25.6 yards (27 receptions, 690 yards).

Top catcher though was 6-4, 220 Dean Masztak (28 receptions, 428 yards), a rugged-blocking tight end. Flanker Pete Holohan, a 6-4, 215-pound converted QB, provides counter-threat deep for Hunter from his flanker position (22 catches for 386 yards).

If there is no Ferguson, ND does have rushing talent. Carter, a 5-11, 185 pounder who played little last year (145 yards), grabbed the number one tailback rating in spring drills. "He's probably the quickest back since I've been here," says Devine. Jim Stone, a fine back who understudied Ferguson for two years, is still a challenger at HB, along with speedy sophomore Bernie Adell.

Pete Buchanan (6-3, 225), a heralded high school All-America who played part-time as a freshman in 1978, returns after sitting out last year with a broken ankle. He's in a battle for number one fullback with John Sweeney, who was rushed in last fall as a freshman and blocked well, though given little chance to run (33 yards).

Spring scrimmages convinced Devine he has "five fullbacks who can play." They also include Ty Barber, Rob McGarry, and Rod Morris.

Notre Dame's interior line rebuilds around two All-America prospects, center John Scully (6-4, 245) and guard Tim Huffman (6-5, 265). Thayer (6-5, 235) had an edge at one guard spot after spring drills, with Ellis (6-4, 245) at one tackle and junior Phil Pozderac (6-8, 244) at the other, with Shiner (6-7, 237) and Putzstuck (6-5, 245) pressing for promotions.

Defense concerned Devine after last season, even though injuries could be blamed for much of the trouble (197 enemy points and 3,381 yards—and four defeats, two by big margins). "We have to get better and better," he suggested of 1980. "At times last year we not only didn't stop folks, we didn't slow them up."

The injuries did, Devine agrees, "enable many more of our younger players to pick up game experience." Two oft-injured players can make a substantial difference. Scott Zettek (6-5, 235) played seven games at end or tackle last year before knee trouble struck again. Mark Czaja (6-5, 240) managed six games before knee surgery. Both have been granted an extra year because of previous injury absences.

"Zettek is as good an end as we've had here," claims Devine. "He has to be as good an end as there is in the country." Devine is emphatic: "Zettek WILL be with us in the fall." Czaja, also a standout athlete, is not that sure, though a possibility.

Also back are John Hankerd (6-4, 242), who started at end all season, and part-timer Joe Gramke (6-4, 234) at either end or tackle.

Kevin Griffith (6-3, 230), four-game starter, and Pat Kramer (6-4, 245), a three-game starter, head up the tackle corps, but Clasby (6-4, 260) had a good spring and Tim Marshall (6-4, 245) is the most heralded of four incoming

freshman linemen.

Bob Crable (6-3, 220) is a leading All-America linebacking prospect, after setting an ND record with 187 tackles last year. He is only the third junior captain ever of an Irish team. He also broke up three passes last year and blocked a last-minute field goal try that pre-served a 12-10 win over Michigan.

Brendan Moynihan (6-3, 210) and Tony Belden (6-3, 211) are upperclassmen who have started, but Zavagnin (6-3, 218), and Rudzinski (6-3, 215) are in serious consideration for number one status. Several freshmen linebackers could also challenge, among them All-Ohio Ron Naylor, another Cincinnati Moeller product.

The secondary is another Irish stronghold. Safeties Tom Gibbons (6-1, 185) and Steve Cichy (6-3, 215) are high-grade starters from last year, as is John Krimm (6-1, 183) at one corner. Duerson (6-2, 187), who has exceptional speed, started seven games when star cornerback Dave Waymer was hurt, and Devine says Bone (6-2, 190) is "probably good enough to break into the starting lineup," on the basis of spring improvement.

Record-setting kicker Chuck Male is gone, but Harry Oliver has been waiting two years for a chance. Also, Kiel had a 47-yard field goal in high school, plus a 70-yard punt. Regular punter Dick Boushka (36 yard average) returns.

Devine admits he's optimistic about 1980, at least "until you look at the schedule" Purdue (opener), Michigan, Michigan State, Alabama, Southern Cal. "First time I've ever had three open dates in a season," he adds.

They may be welcome with a young, albeit experienced team.

CINCINNATI With better luck on injuries and a good recruiting class incoming, Ralph Staub has hopes for an upswing. One boost would be the return of tailback Allen Harvin, who led the NCAA in rushing as a freshman in 1978, but was sidelined with a knee after three games last year. He didn't participate in spring

practice, but could be mended by this fall.

Due to return for sure is James Bettis (343 yards), along with FB Larry Carthan (202 yards) and standout WR Ralph Williams (27 receptions, 477 yards).

Transfer (from Wisconsin) Scott Moeshl, a drop-back passer, moved ahead at QB last spring, with holdover Dan Barrett contending.

Staub is switching defenses to a 3-4 front. Strength is at linebacker, with Mike Brookins, who led with 186 tackles last year, and Karl Woods, and in the backfield, with standout Robert Gibbs tops among a veteran cast.

Barefoot soccer-styler Rick Karlis will add placements to his kickoff duties of last year (one 50-yard field goal in spring scrimmages) and Phil Peckich will again be the punter (38.4 average).

DAYTON (8-2-1) Rick Carter starts his fourth year with 14 regulars, including a backfield being claimed as one of the best in NCAA Division III: QB Jim O'Hara (34 completions, 613 yards, 7 TD, 190 yards rush), TB Gradlin Pruitt (446 yards) and FB Garry Smith (600 yards, 15 TD's). Also returning, SE Al Laubenthal (17 catches, 348 yards), TE Jim Jensen (14 for 212), Mike Howard (C), Ron Flohre (G), plus reserves Kirk Ambrose (TE) and Breese Roller (SE). Interior line is uncertainty.

Defensively, prospects are excellent, with regulars Mike Maloney, Jeff Windle (T's), Mark Schmitz, Mark Hufford (LB's), Tim Schoen (SS), and Tim Tepe (CB) returning. Scott Bowyer, Chris Chaney, Mike Langford, and Pete Madden are experienced hands in the secondary, as is Jim Pearson at MG. Chip Robinson (DE) returns after injury year.

ILLINOIS STATE (3-8) Charlie Cowdry returns an experienced offensive team, with TB Bill Fenn (1,106 yards), eighteenth in NCAA III, leading seven starters. Also returning is WR Jim Fitzpatrick (29 receptions, 465 yards), the receiving leader, the last two years. Sophomore Steve Gumble takes over at quarterback.

Central Michigan's Willie Todd follows block of Marty Smallbone.



Wayne Gagnon (T, 6-4, 255), Jeff Hembrough (MG, 6-2, 230), and Teddy Hollingsworth (DB) are standouts on defense.

MID-AMERICAN

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (10-0-1, 8-0-1) Grads included the MAC "Player of the Year" (QB Gary Hogeboom) and three All-MAC defenders. But Herb Deromedi still has five all-league first teamers among 13 starters returning, representing a solid start toward a second straight MAC crown and extension of the current 18-game unbeaten streak.

Spring drills didn't settle Hogeboom's successor. Back-up Kevin Jones probably will be number one this fall, although sophs Steve Jones and Pat Bonk figure very close to starting call. Jones is especially high-rated.

The Chippewas' backfield is powerful, with All-MAC Willie Todd at FB (1,003 yards) and Darryl Tucker at TB (902 yards), backed by Reggie Mitchell (406 yards, before requiring ankle surgery last fall) and 6-3, 240 line-plunger Mark Birnbaum.

Marty Smallbone (T, 6-3, 250) and Kurt Cheesboro (G, 6-4, 230), both first-team All-MAC, are great anchors for the veteran offensive line. Paul Fate (C) underwent knee surgery in the spring but is expected back this fall.

Mike Hirn (TE, 6-3, 215), last year's leading receiver (27 catches for 409 yards) is also back.

CMU, second in total defense in the MAC last year, must rebuild around Robert Jackson (DB), Chuck Stiver (T), Doug LaFleur, Kurt Dobronski, and Tom Hutchinson (E's). Jackson, All-MAC in 1979, has 211 career tackles and 11 interceptions and also is a threat on punt returns. He broke a wrist last spring, but is counted on for this fall. So is Michael Simpson (DHB, 6-4, 190).

The Chippewas play six games at home.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (6-5, 5-4) Elliott Uzelac's Broncos finished with five straight wins, chiefly because he got injured warriors back in the lineup. With the return of most, plus recruiting success, the momentum may hold over.

All-MAC fullback Bobby Howard (670 yards) and MAC rushing champion TB Larry Caper (844 yards) give Western a big boost and TB Craig Morrow (455 yards), who had two 100-yard games last year, and FB Ed Parham (195 yards) looked good last spring. It's an impressive area.

Quarterback, after spring drills, was transfer (from Purdue) Tom George (6-1, 185), with four freshmen due to be added this fall.

Fred Burkhardt (T, 6-5, 255) is All-MAC timber, Bud Sitko (T, 6-4, 260) was one of those who helped late last year, Matt Mears (C, 6-3, 220) looked impressive in spring practice, and Dwayne Wilson made a successful switch from tackle to guard.

Western Michigan's defense, sixth in the NCAA overall and third against rushing, has some rebuilding to do. A pleasant development in spring was Glen Jenkins (MG, 6-1, 225). Holdover starters are Jim Hinkle (E), an All-MAC honorable mention last year, John Schuster (LB), Mark Wolfe (T), Karl Butts (S), and George Bullock (CB). John Nigro, Pete Woodruff, and Joe Hart split starts at DE.

Returning place-kicker Alton Luapp already holds the school record of 79 PAT's and 22 FG's.

TOLEDO (7-3-1, 7-1-1) Chuck Stobart's surprise Rockets won't sneak up on anybody this year. They'll be taken seriously (2-9 in 1978). Which may be a dampening thought. But it's one of very few in the Toledo outlook.

Stobart goes back to the MAC wars with 18 of 22 starters among 37 lettermen, plus four transfers from Big Ten schools and another freshman class of note.

Headliner is roverback Mike Kennedy, a unanimous All-MAC last year and said to be UT's best defensive player since All-America Mel Long in 1971.

Little (5-7, 165) Maurice Hall returns at QB, where he showed run/pass excitement (53 completions, 648 yards, 8 TD's, 549 yards rushing), with FB Scott Alexander (536 yards) and a new tailback. Lettermen Tom Weaver (159 yards) and Mark Staples head candidates for the latter position, with Steve Lamb (from Ohio State) and Richard Wray (from Wisconsin).

Receivers Butch Hunyadi (29 catches, 500 yards), Sid Fuller (10 for 162), and Lou Kocsis (10 for 149) flank regulars Greg Habzda (T), David Menefee, Don Yankowsky (G's) and Chris Hohenberger (C).

Virgil Williams, second-team All-MAC, and Dan Cox join Kennedy in the Rocket secondary, with Stacey Conley, Bill Byrd (E's), Mike Grayson, Darin Wright (T's), Charlie Robinson (MG), and Jack Laraway (LB), all 1979 regulars.

Kicker Dave Ridgeway is also back.

Stobart's squad, seventh in total defense, ninth in total offense, is still young, but game experienced. Nineteen of the current juniors started at one time or another as freshmen.

BALL STATE (6-5, 4-4) Dwight Wallace has two national leaders among his seven returning offensive starters. Split End Stevie Nelson topped the NCAA in kickoff returns with a 31.4-yard average, while fullback Mark Bornholdt ranked second among Division I-A scorers with 114 points (19 TD's).

All of the Cardinal rushers return, including TB's Mark Warlaumont (713 yards), who started the last five games as a freshman last year, Ken Curran (437 yards) and Bornholdt (528 yards).

Wallace got a break when QB Mark O'Connell, starter in the 1979 opener but sidelined by injury the remainder of the season, received an extra year of eligibility. O'Connell (42 completions for 568 yards) is also an All-MAC punter (39.5) and has kicked ten FG's, one a school record 51 yards.

Three top receivers assist O'Connell: Tom Clary (WB, 30 catches, 468 yards), a second-team All-MAC; Ray Hinton (TE, 21 for 355), a 1978 first-team All-MAC, and Nelson 20 for 487.

Dave St. Clair (C) and Gary Reese (G) are the only holdover regulars in the offensive line, but Don Petrosio (G) was a part-time starter.

Ball State's eight defensive regulars will be joined by two-year starting linebacker Dennis Gunden, sidelined after last year's opener. Others include Craig Newburg (MG), Dave Scheller (T), Kelly George, Clifton Johnson, Brady Hoke (LB's), Clarence Motley, Curt Westbrook, and Sel Drain (DB's).

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (5-5-1, 3-3-1) Bill Mallory won the MAC title at Miami. He took Colorado to the Orange Bowl. It may take a while, but he should have the Huskies headed for the top, too.

Mallory agrees. "We've got to get better. Balance and depth are problems." But he saw some things that pleased him in spring practice. One was "two good quarterbacks," John Gibbons (44 completions, 747 yards) and Rick Bridges, an option-style sophomore. Mallory plans to use both.

Slotback Mike Pickney, a potential all-star, was third in the MAC in receiving last year (34 catches, 601 yards), giving the QB's a top target. Jim Latanski (6-2, 220) switched from FB to TE last spring and looked like he, too, would help.

Another key for NIU is TB Allen Ross (751 yards), while Alex Armato, switching from TB, is a hope to replace Latanski at FB. Ross was second-team All-MAC last year.

The line rebuilds around Mark Skowronski (C, 6-1, 215) and Mike Chelovich (T, 6-1, 250) and got a boost with the successful conversion of Jim Hannula (6-6, 233) from TE to RT and Tom Cahill (6-2, 250) from DT to OG.

Defense came along in spring drills, mostly because Mallory's switches seemed to work out. Max Gill (6-2, 241) went from OG to MG, Floyd Goldsmith from TB to CB, and Dave Petway from FS to SS. Tom Cahill (6-2, 260), Bob Morgan (6-4, 239), Dean Schultz (6-1, 250), all DT's; Pat O'Shea, Mike Terna, LB's; Steve Kutchess, Richard Booker and JC transfer Larry Williams (DB's) all had good springs.

MIAMI (6-5, 3-4) Tom Reed welcomes back ten regulars from last year's seventh-place squad and he undoubtedly wishes he had a lot more.

The Redskins have a killer early schedule, definitely not a place for extensive rebuilding. They open with defending MAC champion Central Michigan, then it's Syracuse, Ball State, and Purdue.

Fortunately for Reed, he has some solid veterans on which to build. The defense, which ranked third in the MAC, returns inside linebacker Kent McCormick (6-2, 216), last year's co-MVP and tackle leader (162), and middle guard John McCafferty (6-1, 205), who recorded 17 sacks. John Lyons (LB) and John Zupanic (OLB) also resume.

Offensively, Reed has a comforting nucleus, starting with QB Chuck Hauck. The 6-foot, 187-pound senior completed 97 passes for 1,258 yards and netted 253 yards rushing.

All four top receivers return: SE Keith Dummitt (22 catches for 352 yards), SE Don Treadwell (17, 395), HB Paul Drennan (17, 131), and TE Tom Parrott (13, 197). Drennan heads the rushing attack (503 yards), which also includes FB Kaiser Holman (472 yards).

OHIO U. (6-5, 4-4) After a fast start, Brian Burke may back up a little before going ahead with his rebuilding of the Bobcats. Fourteen starters—seven each way—graduated, including the school's career rushing leader, Kevin Babcock, and the ranks are comparatively thin, especially in upperclassmen.

The backfield returns two top-notchers, QB Sam Shon, fifth in MAC total offense (1,620 yards) and third in passing (133 completions, 1,366 yards) and RB Tony Carifa, MAC leader in receiving (45 catches, 380 yards) and sixth in rushing (700 yards). Shon had a good spring.

Letterman Todd Yoho took over at FB in the spring and pleased Burke with his improve-



No. Illinois LB Mike Terna lowers boom on E. Tenn. QB Mark Hutsell.

ment, as did Shawn Silcott (TE) and Mark Green (WR). Darryl Ware, Chuck Henderson, and Phil Kimble are still contesting for the other receiving job.

Don Puthoff (C) and Terry Cooper are the two holdover regulars in the line, but lettermen Ray Bloch and Al Nowac (T's) from defense, looked like solid additions in spring practice.

Burke thinks the Bobcats have three down linemen to compare with any in the league defensively in Jeff Bramley, Henry Jotony (T's), and Greg Byrne (MG). John Gamble is a standout at one LB, with Frank Komar at the other. Neal Seymour and Dane Littleton are solid at the outside LB's. The secondary is less settled, with Vince Short as the returning starter. Mark Grogan switched from offense in the spring and appears set at one corner.

Loss not yet replaced is scoring record-holder place-kicker Steve Green.

BOWLING GREEN (4-7, 3-5) In the last five years, the Falcons have had record-setting quarterbacks. This year it's an uncertain position. Dave Endres, a drop-back passer with some experience, is the leading candidate, though pressed by run-oriented sophs Greg Taylor and Dayne Palsgrove.

Denny Stoltz does have a standout receiver in Dan Sheller (37 catches, 502 yards), a second-team All-MAC, and, he says, "four good tailbacks and fullbacks... We definitely expect to platoon."

Kevin Folkes (696 yards) finished with three 100-yard games as a freshman tailback last year, but Jeff McCormick, Chip Otten, and Dave Cassell all have started at times. Kevin Browning (320 yards) and Dave Windatt shared fullback last year, but Carl Rosser and soph Tom Blenden figure, too.

Mark Prchlik (C), Dean Hull, Mike Rullo (G's), John Park, and John Meek (alternate TE's) give the offensive line solid anchor and back-up Jim Schunann, JC transfer Nornell Jones, and Bruce Matter, out last year with injury, can shore up tackle.

The BeeGees ranked eighth in total defense last year, but Stoltz sights improvement because "we have a lot of experience on defense." Eight regulars will be back, led by second-team All-MAC Tim Ross (DE). Others include Todd Gates (T), Craig Valentine (DE), Doug Carr, Andre Young (LB's), Lee Williams, Jor Moton, Jac Tomasello, Steve Raabe, Joe Merritt (DB's), and John Spengler, who has 51 straight PAT's and 11 FG's in a row.

EASTERN MICHIGAN (2-8-1, 1-6-1) Mike Stock's hopes for a better third year are brightened by the offensive outlook, but might be dampened by the defense.

Quarterback Scott Davis led the MAC in total offense last year as a sophomore (13 completions, 1,744 yards, 120 yards rush) and has good help, both in receiving and running threats. Steve Knudson (HB) was fifth in MAC receiving (32 catches, 394 yards) and four other Huron receivers return. Jeff Preston (382 yards), Albert Williams, and Knudson, all of whom started a 1979 game, head up a rushing corps that also includes soph Tracy Hall.

Mike Price (T, 6-4, 240) is the leader among ten lettermen who figure to make the interior line a solid part of the offense. However, this platoon has room for improvement. The Hurons scored only 113 points in 11 games last season.

All is not as well with the defense, ninth in the MAC last year, because Stock must replace five strong starters. Mainstays in rebuilding are 6-2 Brian Cotton and 6-1 Ken Miller, two poten-

tial pro prospects in the secondary. "I think Brian Cotton and Ken Miller are exceptional players and leaders," says Stock.

David Marshall, Kenny Banks (E's), Dan Prueter and Don Ishmael (LB's) are holdover regulars who figured prominently, while soph Billy Rush boosts the secondary.

Punter Rick Baker and Rich Hanschu return.

KENT STATE (1-10, 1-8) A strong infusion of transfers has raised hopes for better times at Kent, along with the return of regulars like QB Jeff Morrow.

The 6-3, 184-pounder, himself a transfer from Inver Hills (Minnesota) Community College, completed 111 passes last year, third-high in KSU history, for 1,284 yards—in addition to being the All-MAC punter (40.2 average). He missed part of spring practice with a knee bruise, but should be back and better this fall.

Ron Blackledge was pleased with the spring development of HB J.C. Stafford (497 yards) and FB John Dwyer, a transfer from Army in the first backfield. Halfback Ron Pittman, also a transfer, had a good spring.

Lynn Drake (T) and John Duplain (C), the only regulars returning in the line, will probably be joined by soph Steve Kopec (T) and transfer Mike Cutler (G). Kevin Kuhar, who missed the last nine games with injury, could also be back (T).

Kent State's hopes for improving a defense that ranked last in the MAC have been boosted by 6-4, 241 John Morton (T), Jon Wyatt (E), and John Bowes (OLB), second-team All Juco All-America. All three are transfers.

Two-year regular Maurice Glemmons and soph Mark Hammel (LB's), three-year starter Jeff Sisterhen, two-year starter Sam Sopp, and one-year starter Van Jakes fortify the behind-line defense.

MID-CONTINENT

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (11-2) Bill Naroduzzi, 21-4 last two years and 1979 NCAA Division II runner-up, aims for third straight Mid-Continent title and may get it, despite school's first 11-game schedule—and probably toughest. Only nine starters return, with offense (5,228 yards, 416 points) hit hardest. All-MCC first-team TB Robby Robson (1,486 yards, 26 TD's), Bob Porter (T), and Sam Grooms (C) are the main returnees. Gary Fritz ended spring as number one QB, Jeff Johnston as FB. Defensive line is intact, with Marvin Sperlazza, Tim Zetwick, Bob Hill, and Dan Novak. Jeff Gergel, Joe Schartner, Brett Modic return at LB, with Modic maybe switching to E. This is YSU's last year in MCC; it joins Ohio Valley Conference in 1981.

EASTERN ILLINOIS Darrell Mudra's defense, sixth in the NCAA, returns eight starters, including league "Player of the Year" Pete Catan, but will be under heavy burden because offense lists only two holdovers, Scott McGhee (FL) and Carl Dobrach (T). Back-up Chuck Wright and transfer Jeff Christiansen are the chief QB hopes, with Rod Slaughter (239 yards) leading bet to replace Division II rushing record-setter Poke Cobb. Catan (DE) is joined by Randy Melvin and Charlie Kutsinger (T's) in the line, with regulars Bill Mines, Tom Juray (LB's), Rich Brown (CB), and Don Pittman (SS) also resuming.

WESTERN ILLINOIS (8-3) Pete Rodriguez

has 14 starters available, but three of top four rushers and top QB are gone. Offensive strengths will be FB Dace Richardson (457 yards), TE Mike Maher (35 catches, 450 yards), WR Marty Miller (20 catches, 374 yards), big Kyle Peterson, John Stadnik (T's), Alex Tsakiris (C), and Don Greco (G), latter hailed as WIU's best-ever. John Staback is the best QB bet. Number one tackler Randy Sheppard (LB), Reggie Johnson, Rod Anderson (DB's), Tim Barbier, Jay Heubner (T's), and Mike McNulty (MG) return as basis of defense.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN (4-6) Bill Rademacher has eight starters on each side of football, topped by NCAA Division II total-offense leader QB Phil Kessel (2,164 yards) and passing yardage champ (2,238 yards, 171 completions) and WR Scott Sible, number one nationally in receptions (62), number one in yards (1,219). Return of injured TB George Works boosts ground support. Second-team All-MC Curt Wojan (T, 6-2, 225) and Mark Zabroski (DE) head up defense, which, like the team, is expected to be improved.

NORTHERN IOWA (6-5) Stan Sheriff hopes to "surprise a few people" again, considering strong nucleus returning. Offense lists QB Steve Sandon (79 completions, 797 yards), TB's Kelly Ellis (1,093 yards), Nelson Berry (532 yards), FB Mark Fulbright, WR's Ken McNeal (29 catches, 330 yards), and Kelson Roby. Top tacklers Matt Spanjers and Ed Arnold (LB's) return on defense, along with Owen Dockter, Dave Ramthun (T's), and Ed Stratton (E).

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Red Division

BALDWIN-WALLACE (8-1, 4-1) Lee Tressel's passing has potent ingredients in Matt Degynsky (WB, 22 catches, 230 yards), Dave Ward (SE, 16 catches), 1979 QB back-up Brett Albright (21 completions, 303 yards). Rushing boosted by Joe Portale (6-2, 230). FB transfer from Florida, with help from letterman Mark Nardacci at RB. Regulars Bill Ochalek (C), Paul Guhde, and Mark Darlak (T's), return, with alternate starter Jim Keating (G). Only returnee on defense number three in OC, is All-OC Dan Defino (E), but Dave Gaume (T), Jim Mackie, and Dave Nofsinger (LB's) have experience. Secondary will be all new.

MOUNT UNION (7-2, 3-2) Ken Wable (19th year) had OC's number three offense virtually wiped out by graduation. TE John Frisbee, TE Dale Grossman, Brian Cummins, Joel Campbell (G's), and Dan Reisinger (T) return. Scott Shane likely QB, with Ken Smith (369), Paul Roniger (250), Phil Tart top rushing hopes. Secondary solid with All-OC Dan Boros (8 interceptions) and Mike Parnell; Ward Smith and Jeff Kemper are set at LB; Tom Love (E) is sole line returnee, pinpointing problem.

OTTERBEIN (6-3, 4-1) Rich Seils has OC's number five rusher, TB Randy Bressler (785), established pass game with QB Scott Gasser (40 for 461 yards), SE Wayne Woodruff (18 catches), WB Tim Potts, TE's Steve Hakas, Steve Farkas and line anchor in All-OC Doug McCombs (G), plus Mike Havens (T), Tom Dolder (G). Defense returns All-OC Dave Vulgamore (S), Doug Lake, Jeff Jones (CB's),

Randy Weisenstein (LB), Jeff Humphrey (E), and Jim Grassman (T). PK Jim Hoyle, Al-OC as frosh (12 PAT's, 7 FG's), provided margin in three wins.

MARIETTA (2-7, 0-5) Pass attack, number one in OC, bristles with QB Jon Shuler (113 catches, 1,373 yards, 8 TD), SE Bill Ross (39 catches, 611 yards), TE Paul Kithcart (25 catches, 315 yards) returning. Line is veteran: Ted Ley, Scott Bush (T's), Brad DeVries, Bret Ashton (G's), Bruce Baldwin (C), but rushing, last in OC, must be developed. Experience helps defense, with returnees: Brent Stanley, Tim Plachecki (E's), Tate Plachecki (T), Rich Morton, Steve Stintzman (LB's), Gary Lovett, Randy Wycinski, Mike Macleod (DB's).

HEIDELBERG (1-8, 0-5) John Spezzaferro has proven offense with southpaw QB Dean Supan (123 catches, 1,414 yards, tops in OC), SE Tim Reddy (19 catches), HB Fred Paschel (418 yards), Dennis Dunham, Duane Ziolkowski (T's), Chris Kline, Steve Horn (G's), Scott Roddy (C). Defense, last in OC, rebuilds around Mike Walker (10 interceptions), Mike Roddy, John Kazanowski (DB's), Jeff Kurtzman (E), Randy McKillip (T), Tim Binkowski, Andy Gase (MG's), Craig Baum (LB).

KENYON (2-7) Tom McHugh has ten returning offensive starters for school's first year in league championship play, headed by QB's Mike Handel (58 catches, 649 yards), John Coffey (35 catches, 354 yards), TB Jim Mazzella (493 yards), TE Jim Steuber (31 catches), and SE Dave Gingery (24 catches). Others back are Jim Ginley (FB), Dave Graham (FL), Mike Ginley (C), John Washko, Vic Strimbu (G's), and Ross Miller (T). The defense, fourth in OC, inexperienced, with only Doug Beach (LB), Greg George (T), John Mackassy, and Scott Medors (DB's) returning.

Blue Division

WITTENBERG (9-0, 5-0) Dave Maurer, runner-up for NCAA Division III championship suffers penalty of having 11 seniors on offensive unit: "total lack of playing time" among 1980 returnees. Two-year back-up Kirby Thompson is the likely QB. Maurer sights "good potential" at TB in Tommy Rogers, Dana Williams, Andy Linn, Tony Rosfeld, Todd Scharfe (one may move to FL); at FB in Phil Dorn, Doug Mescher; at FL in Jason Ballard, Rich Maresco, David Myrics and at SE in John Lutz. Line is question, with only Alex Thornton (C), Doug Horton, Mark Davidstal (T's), Ron Menning (TE) boasting any experience. Defense better set, with strong returning secondary, Chris Fields, Bill Beach, Kermit Smith, Bob Linton, Jeff Nichols, and LB tandem Dwight Porter, Jim Cobell, plus holdovers Mike Dowds (MG), Dave Yingling, Brad Mullins (DT's).

DENISON (7-2, 4-1) Keith Piper says single wing attack, now in 3rd year, will "be something to contend with" again, obviously because key, All-America Clay Sampson (1,517 yard rush, 738 yard pass), returns at TB. Also back is blocker (QB) John Parsons, plus line experience in Steve Lipster, Fred Zalenski (T's), Dave Haverstick, Jack O'Connor (G's), Jim Bechtel (TE). Pete Lake is experienced SE. Big Red success depends on "how we shore up the defense," Piper suggests. All-OC Wilbert Neal

(S) leads holdovers that include Andy Milligan, Tom Wigton (T's), Rob Egan (LB), Bob Casarona (DB), Dan Paro (MG). DB Bob Hayman switches to FB.

CAPITAL (5-4, 2-3) Gene Slaughter must rebuild offense, sixth in OC, around standout Steve Wigton (C), TB Roosevelt Williams (316 yards) and FB Mike Madry (264 yards, five touchdowns, despite injury exit in third game). Inexperienced Greg Rosser likely QB. Freshmen probably will figure. Defense, number six in OC, lost less by graduation has solid anchor in All-OC Mark Horst (MG), John Phillips (DT), Gary Lewis (LB), Kyle Law (FS), Jim Ferris (DB).

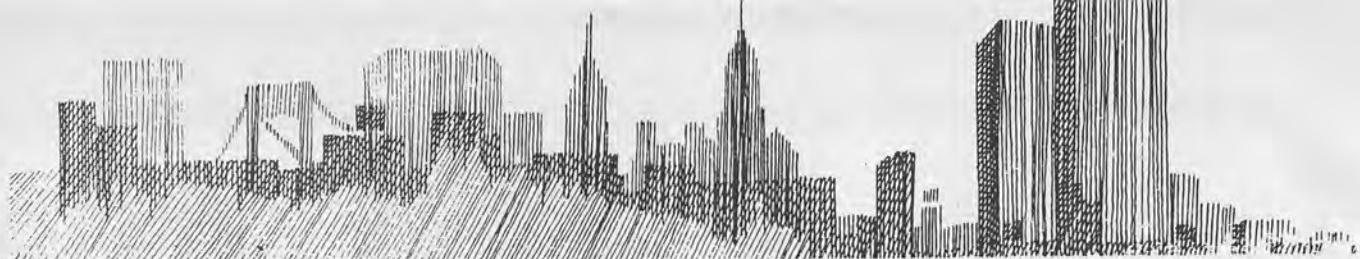
OHIO NORTHERN (5-3-1, 3-2) Wally Hood must rebuild OC's number five offense behind vet line, Jim Augsburger (C), Mike Cramer (G) Don Rasmussen, Hugh McLaughlin (T's). QB Scott Ingram (40c, 497 yards) returns, as does SE Jeff Jenkins (20). FB Ken Post (76 yards) only experienced rusher. Backfield, receiving help uncertain. All-OC Jack Diamond, John Wills, (CB's), Gary Maul (S) fortify secondary; Steve Sherritt, Jim Schnarrer, Cliff Kramer, Kevin Havey proven LB's, but Jeff Kennedy (E) only line returnee.

MUSKINGUM (1-4, 2-7) Al Christopher's offense, injury plagued last year, now experience heavy, with QB Jeff Merklin (52 carries, 530 yards), TB Steve Manser (355 yards), WR's Dave Carlos (16 catches), Ron Colby (16 catches), Jerry Martin, FB's Rick McFerrin, Kevin Dunnette, Joe Eusebio. Colby may join TB's (271 yards rushing). Scott Bates, Eric Lothes, Mike Swanner, Alan Logan return in line. Defense needs help, but strong down middle with Andy Frye (MG), John Heacock, Garland Lewis (LB's), Bill Recinella, Dale Taylor (DB's).

OHIO WESLEYAN (1-8, 1-4) Jack Fouts counts on 1979 injured Greg Bollenbacker (HB), Jeff Long (QB), Charlie Ligman (FL) to bolster offense that includes Ric Kinnan (SE, 39 catches, 417 yards), Steve Bruce (TE), Mike Delauder (C), Bob Berquist, Chris Bacquet (G's), Scott Grocco, Ralph Gehring (T's). Defensive front set with Erik McWilliams, John Kingsbury, Ray Cook, Marc Terman, but only Mike Flohr (LB), Buzz Bell (DB) back them.

WOOSTER (6-3, 3-2) Tom Holloman again has all but proven QB; TB Rick Leone (706 yards), TE Vince Cellini (18 catches, 356 yards), FL Chris Romano (11), SE Tim Jackson; Jack Weisensell, Dave Engler (G's), Greg Gordon, Brian Perry (T's) return. Gregg Barney, Steve Ficyk one-two QB prospects, but frosh could move in. Tom Mobilia likely FB. Defense, OC's number two, has strong framework in All-OC Dale Fortner (S), Mark Monter, Rueben Jones (CB's), Mike Barrett, Bill Coburn (T's), Jeff Golini (E), Joe Neroni, Matt Call (LB's).

OBERLIN (3-6) Don Hunsinger's rushing solid with soph Ron Stevenson (425y), Steve Miller (266y), Rick Aroney (247y) behind vet linemen Larry Jacobs, Dale Embry, Kevin Kern, Bob Brown. Reserve Mike Auvinen likely QB, but receivers must be found. Joe Varley (LB), Howard Arnett, Jeff Walser (DB's), Greg Duckett, Mike Choban (E's), Marc Williams, Gino Brogdon (T's) head veteran defense.



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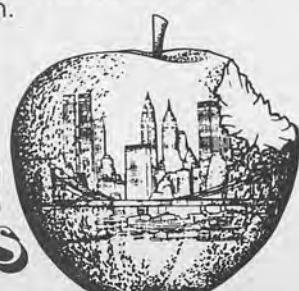
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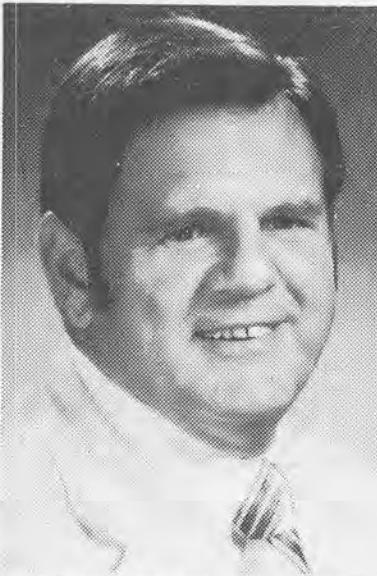
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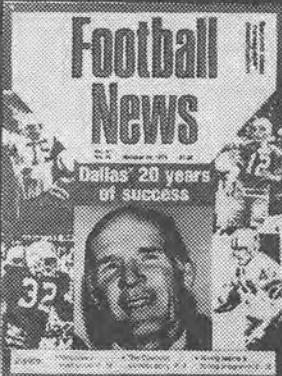
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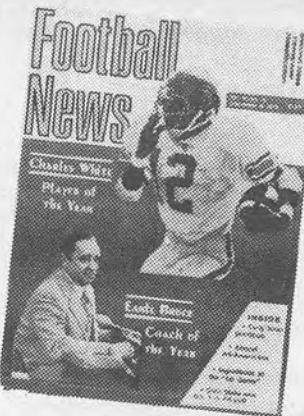
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The decade of the 1980's presents a monumental challenge to schools in the Southeastern Conference. Financially, the athletic directors and auditors hope for many more big paydays. The financial story of the last decade was sweet, indeed. Thousands of stadium seats were added, ticket prices increased two or three times, gross income spurted, and SEC schools collected millions from bowl games.

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5. Jacksonville State, 6. Delta State,
7. Livingston

The artistic story was something else again. Alabama, 1979 national champion, prospered on the field of battle. All others floundered. It was the decade of Paul (Bear) Bryant, who, at 67, shows no signs of losing the killer instinct. The SEC became a virtual wasteland as Bear, the predator, devoured all who dared challenge him. Alabama, in the seventies won eight SEC championships, two or three national titles (depending on the poll you believe), went to a bowl game every year, and dominated the victory column against every conference rival.

Oddly, Alabama began the decade in wobbly fashion, losing four SEC games in 1970, which was to be one more than the school would lose in the next nine seasons. Alabama got tougher as the decade wore out. Now, going into a new decade, Alabama has the longest winning string (21) in the country, the longest streak (23) in SEC history, and a decade won-lost mark of 103-16-1. Georgia was the last SEC school to whip the Tide, 21-0, in 1976. Alabama also has won its last five bowl tests.

Bryant has made it clear that he intends to coach until he is 70, health permitting. It is obvious now that Bryant will break the all-time winning record of 314, held by the late Amos Alonzo Stagg. At Bear's current pace the Stagg record will fall late in the 1981 season.

And if it's news to anyone, Alabama is the favorite once again in the conference race. Florida State, winner of 11 straight contests in 1979, will again lead the independents. Alabama's defense will match the best, but the offense may encourage challengers. Bryant goes into the season with several component

parts of the 1979 team absent, including quarterback Steadman Shealy, center Dwight Stephenson, and blocker Jim Bunch. Quarterback is the major problem. Don Jacobs must test a wobbly knee. If the knee isn't well, Bear must look to Alan Gray, junior reserve or Tommy Wilcox, a talented sophomore who made the team a year ago at safety.

Quarterbacking presents a problem at many other schools, too, but Ole Miss isn't one of them. John Fourcade is the Rebel junior who has all the skills, including leadership, if he can duck injury. Talented Fourcade could turn the Rebels into a conference contender. No other school has a star-rated quarterback; a half dozen schools won't settle on a number one quarterback until a week or two before the first game.

Georgia and Auburn, however, are rated about even as title contenders behind Alabama. Tennessee will be much improved on defense. LSU will present a lot of new faces and new ways of doing things. At Kentucky, coach Fran Curci will be stronger with the return of eight players who missed 1979 for disciplinary reasons. Florida, winless in Charley Pell's first campaign, will be battling for a rise to .500. Mississippi State must prove it can blend the Wishbone and multiple formations with the forward pass. Vanderbilt is overmatched in this the second season under George McIntyre.

Last year the SEC had three new head coaches. This year Jerry Stovall of LSU is the only new face. He succeeds Charley McCloud, who was forced out after 18 years. Stovall fell heir to the job when LSU's first choice, Bo Rein, lost his life in a plane crash a few months ago.

Elsewhere in Dixie, Florida State has the momentum and the talent. Bobby Bowden gave hardy Seminole fans one of those dream teams, 11-0-0, only to lose to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. FSU will be hard put to match that record, but Bowden's clever blending of the pass and run will give the team an edge over most foes. Furthermore, the Seminoles had an excellent recruiting years in a state that has superior talent.

Tulane expects another solid year after the comeback campaign of 1979 which put the Greenies in the Liberty Bowl. However, coach Larry Smith resigned in April to take the University of Arizona job. Vince Gibson is the new Tulane leader and Gibson's aide, Bob Weber, was promoted at the University of Louisville. Tulane led the nation in increased attendance in 1979. Close behind was Miami, a team expected to show marked improvement in coach Howie Schnellenberger's second year. Southern Mississippi will field another smartly-motivated team capable of beating better-known schools. Memphis State hopes to bounce back from a mediocre season. Northeast Louisiana, under John David Crow, is rebuilding with youth. Tennessee State will present an impressive air show with Joe Adams, labeled a Heisman type, throwing the ball.

The South's All-America hopefuls are headed by Alabama's E. J. Junior, defensive end; FSU's middle guard Ron Simmons; Mardie McDole, Mississippi State wide-out, and quarterback Fourcade. Others include a Georgia pair, cornerback Scott Woerner and kicker Rex Robinson, who has 65 consecutive extra points and 40 field goals (both SEC marks); Major Ogilvie, Alabama runner; James Brooks, Auburn runner; Jim Noonan, middle guard, and Tim Irwin, offensive tackle, both of Tennessee; Johnnie Cooks, Mississippi State linebacker; Florida's Cris Collinsworth, receiver; Lyman White, LSU defensive end; Marty Wetzel, Tulane linebacker; Marvin Harvey, Southern Mississippi tight end; and Jim Burt, Miami middle guard.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

ALABAMA How good is Alabama's defense? Well, Alabama's defense is so good...the coaching staff worried about the offense surviving spring practice.

Yes, the Tide defense is that tough. Offense is another story, but lack of experience there may not matter. As the saying goes, "If they don't score, you can't lose."

Five All-SEC performers return from a 1979 unit that led the conference in:

- scoring defense
- rushing defense
- fewest touchdowns allowed rushing (2)
- fewest touchdowns allowed passing (5)
- passing defense
- passes intercepted

and led the nation in:

- fewest touchdowns allowed

- fewest points allowed (5.3 a game)

To begin with, all-conference tackle Byron Braggs (260) anchors a defensive line Patton's tanks would have had trouble with. Nose guard Warren Lyles (245) also returns, and those two may be enough to offset the loss of David Hannah, another in a long line of Hannah brothers at Alabama.

End E. J. Junior (227) should repeat as All-SEC and may reap higher rewards. Senior Gary DeNiro (215) has waited a while but will finally





Alabama coach Bear Bryant (left) needs just 18 wins to pass Amos Alonzo Stagg's all-time record of 314. Running back Major O'Grove (above), the Sugar Bowl MVP, returns for Crimson Tide.



get a starting assignment at the other end. Mike Pitts (240) and John Mauro (212) will also see action.

Junior linebacker Thomas Boyd (215) is the top defensive returnee. He led the team with 92 tackles, 67 of them solos. Senior Randy Scott (205) returns to the other linebacking position. Sophomore Robbie Jones (205) lettered last year and will gain more experience this fall.

Jim Bob Harris (189) and Tommy Wilcox (180) were all-conference in the secondary. Returning starter Ricky Tucker (176) was not all-conference but nonetheless tied Wilcox for the team interception lead with four. Wilcox, as noted can also play quarterback. He worked there a bit in the spring, but nothing definite was decided. Top kickoff-return man Don McNeal is the only starter gone from the secondary, but senior Mike Clements (176) will step in. Benny Perrin missed the spring because of baseball, but he will also play in the secondary.

In all, eight defensive starters return. The three that did not make all-conference have a combined total of seven letters. Experience will not be lacking.

Which brings us to the offense. First of all, quarterback is a concern. Don Jacobs (180) must recover from off-season knee surgery. Junior Alan Gray (186) must get experience. Sophomore Michael Landrum (178) must get a letter.

The offensive line was wiped out by graduation. All five interior linemen and the tight end are gone. Lettermen Scott Allison (242), Bill Searcy (240), and Gary Bramblett (239) have played guard. Eddie McCombs (241) will be at one tackle, Vince Cowell (224) at the other. Replacing All-America Dwight Stephenson at center will be a problem. Soph Steve Mott (250) an All-America in high school, will give it a shot.

The backfield will be the offensive strength. Despite losing fullback Steve Whitman, the backfield returns dependable Major Ogilvie (187) and Billy Jackson (210), the only starters back. Mitch Ferguson (209) will have ample playing time, as will John Hill (193) and Mark Nix (197).

Keith Marks (185) played a bit at split end last year. He got the chance when Keith Pugh went out with an injury. Nonetheless, he caught only four passes. Junior Bart Krout (225) has experience at tight end. Blocking, not receiving. He hauled in a pair of passes in 1979.

Woody Umphrey averaged 37.2 yards a punt and returns for 1980. Kicker Alan McElroy, who led the team in scoring with 77 points, will have to be replaced.

There's no denying that the Tide has some holes to fill on offense. The defense will undoubtedly carry them. But with the final three games against LSU, Notre Dame, and Auburn, it remains to be seen if that defense can carry them all the way to a third straight national title.

GEORGIA if the third time is truly a charm, Georgia should go to the Sugar Bowl this year. After all, the Bulldogs, playing as though they were charmed—and sometimes cursed—couldn't have come much closer the last two seasons.

In 1978, Georgia came within a play of first place in the SEC, tying Auburn and sending Alabama on to New Orleans and a share of the national championship. In 1979, the Bulldogs won their first five SEC games but lost four non-conference battles. Once again, though, Auburn played the spoiler, downing Georgia, 33-13. Sugar Bowl officials again breathed a sigh of relief as Alabama came to town and won another national title.

This season, with experience at some key positions and with possibly the top prep signee in the nation, Vince Dooley might just be ready to charm the rest of the conference. Herschel Walker, 6-1, 216 and considered by many the top high school runner in the U.S., could step right in at tailback. The Bulldogs return junior Matt Simon (194) and sophomore Carnie Norris (182), but neither has established himself.

"No one has really stepped out of the pack," said Dooley. "This position is wide open." At least till Walker comes to town.

The other backfield spots are secure. Three-year starter James Womack (199) returns at fullback, although he rushed for only 228 yards last year. Junior Ronnie Stewart (196) is coming off a redshirt injury year.

The receivers are the most experienced unit on the team. Sophomore tight ends Norris Brown (209) and Guy Stargell (215) split playing time last season. Team receiving leader for the past two campaigns, Lindsay Scott (186), returns to split end. Two-year starter Anthony Arnold (170) is back at flanker. After Scott and Arnold, though, depth disappears with an assortment of jayvee players and part-time defensive backs waiting in the wings.

Another major depth problem is quarterback. Junior Buck Belue (184) started most of 1979, but broke an ankle in the Auburn game. Sophomores Jeff Pault (186) and John Lastinger (181) were on jayvee most of last season.

The offensive line, once past the starters, has its own depth problems. Tackle Tim Morrison (241) is as good as any in the conference. A three-year starter, Morrison has been slowed by a knee injury, but should be ready for his last hurrah. Junior tackle Jim Blakewood (225) moves up to the first unit after playing back-up last year. Senior Hugh Hall (219) is a dependable center, although starting defensive tackle Guy McIntyre (228) was moved to that position in the spring and may supplant Hall by the end of the season. Seniors Jeff Harper (233) and Nat Hudson (250) own the guard spots.

Secondary is the highlight of the defense. All-SEC cornerback Scott Woerner (192) hits like a tank and returns punts like a jack rabbit. Returning starter Dale Williams (164) is a fine complement to Woerner at the other corner. Jeff Hipp (181) had six interceptions from his safety spot. Rover Chris Walton (200) fought injuries in 1979. Junior Sylvester Elkins (188) was second-team last year.

Sophomore Jimmy Payne (227), out last season with a knee injury, returns to defensive tackle, with junior Ken McCranie (221), a co-regular in 1979. Returning starters Tim Parks (238) and Eddie Weaver (270) have a firm hold on the guard spots. Pat McShea (211) is back at one defensive end, while sophomores Dale Carver (202) and Dan Marlow (202) will battle for the other end slot.

Leading tackler Nate Taylor (198) heads a

strong group at weakside linebacker. Returning starter Frank Ros (214) does the same in the middle.

Place-kicking will cause no problems for All-SEC Rex Robinson. Robinson holds conference career records for most consecutive extra points (65) and most field goals (40). Punter is another story. Mark Malkiewicz is a senior, but did not punt in a game as year.

AUBURN After one more season of playing the spoiler, Auburn can go back to playing for itself. NCAA probation ends in 1981 and the War Eagles can again start making post-season bowl plans. Last year, proclaiming every game was a bowl game, Auburn nearly disrupted the entire post-season slate. Only a late Alabama touchdown in the season finale restored everything to normal.

For now, however, the War Eagles must forget about causing other people problems and start solving one of their own: finding a quarterback.

Option expert Charlie Trotman is gone, leaving Charles Thomas (198) as the heir apparent. Thomas, who would be Auburn's first black quarterback, got off to an unbelievable start in his first varsity game last fall, running for a 21-yard touchdown the first time he touched the ball. The War Eagles would certainly be more versatile with Thomas, who can pass better than Trotman. And Thomas has confidence, too, proclaiming, "My goal when I signed was to be the first black quarterback at Auburn." Waiting in the wings, though, is Bob Berry (187), who also has confidence.

As far as running back goes, the dynamic duo of Joe Cribbs and James Brooks has been split with Cribbs graduating. The two combined



DB Scott Woerner (#19)
is Street & Smith All-America for
Georgia; Matt Simon (inset) ran
for 589 yards and Lindsay Scott
(right) had 34 catches for Ga.



Tennessee tight end Reggie Harper had at least one reception in each game in 1979, 24 total and 3 TD's.

for 2328 yards and 24 touchdowns. Brooks (180) is an All-America possibility. Replacing Cribbs will be junior George Peoples (201), who averaged 5.3 yards a carry last year. Willie Huntley (185) and Chester Willis (194) will also see action.

Sophomore Mike Edwards (194) takes over at split end, while speedy Byron Franklin (179) settles in a flanker. Senior Brian Atkins (158) also has experience. Tight end belongs to Bill Grisham (226), who moved over from guard. Basketball player Benny Anthony (6-7, 215) may also play. Anthony has used up his basketball eligibility but has a year remaining to play football.

Eight lettermen return to the offensive line. They all rotated last year, which makes this just about the strongest part of the team. Tackles Claude Mathews (254) and Keith Ueker (238), guards George Stephenson (239) and Jim Skuthan (250), and center Bishop Reeves (231) will probably start. But Brad Everett (236) and Phillip Hall (241) will alternate. This is how they

can afford to move Grisham to tight end.

There will be a new look on defense. The War Eagles won eight games last year while being shaky on defense. Since then they've turned over the defensive ends to former Mississippi State coach Paul Davis, who is a master at the 4-4 alignment. Auburn has experimented with it and will likely use it. For now, Edmund Nelson (248), Charles Wood (209), Tim Wood (207), Adolph Cosby (212), and sophomore Dan Dickerson are working under Davis at end. Chris Martin (230), Danny Skutack (200), and Gilbert Sellers (204) are working in at linebacker, where Freddie Smith will be sorely missed. Their responsibilities will change with the 4-4.

The defensive line, which battled injuries last year, seems pretty stable, especially at tackle. Marshall Riley (257) and All-SEC Frank Warren (272) will start. Marvin William (260) will see plenty of action.

The secondary will be solid if not spectacular. Three starters return, including Jerry

Beasley (187), who missed much of last season with a broken arm. Bob Harris (196) is back at strong safety, with sophomore Ricky Murray (191) backing him up. Junior Clifford Toney (185) is consistent at cornerback. Senior Ken Luke (188) moves into free safety to replace the brilliant James McKinney. Sophomore Darryl Wilks (176) played baseball in the spring but will be a dependable back-up.

The kicking game will have to be totally rebuilt. All-SEC place-kicker Jorge Portela is gone, as is punter Skip Johnston and his 42-yard average. The jobs are wide open. "Last year we covered punts better than any team in the nation, and we had a solid return game," said War Eagle coach Doug Barfield. "Our chief concern as far as the kicking game goes is finding kickers."

If Thomas settles in as quarterback, that's about all they'll need.

TENNESSEE If Johnny Majors finds a quarterback, Tennessee will take another jump

toward the top of the Southeastern Conference. It is time.

Three years of 16-16-1 football can be overlooked by Volunteer fans because Majors was working, for the most part, with players he did not recruit. This season is different. Majors' first recruits are seniors, his own players, brought in and taught his way. Majors started from the ground up and appears to have a solid foundation. There is more pride, more enthusiasm. The building project is going up...if the cornerstone holds.

Tennessee needs a quarterback. Junior-college transfer Steve Alatorre (180) finished spring practice a half step ahead of the pack. Mid-year high school graduate Randall Morris (190), like Alatorre a Californian, is a rabbit of a runner who learned a lot while others in his prep class were scattered around America, preparing for their senior prom.

Jeff Olszewski (191) is a contender, based on his reserve role last season. Jeff backed up Jimmy Streeter, the school record holder for career total offense. Another prospect is Bobby King, stopped in mid-spring by a knee injury. Six freshmen, including the son of former UT coach Doug Dickey, will see if they can learn enough fast enough to further confuse the quarterback race.

Do national powers come from such uncertainty?

If a suitable solution is not found, Tennessee may waste the best 23/24ths of a starting team (including kicker) it has had since the early seventies.

The Vols had 220-pound linemen when Majors arrived in 1977. They now have 250-pounders, some bigger. Where there were warm bodies, there is now talent.

Heading the offensive line is Tim Irwin (264), a tackle with All-America ability, according to Major. Bill Marren (262) returns as a fifth-year senior. He was awarded an extra season of eligibility because of an early injury last fall. Jani Trupovniiks (267) and Jay Williams (260) have size but not as much build-up. Center Lee North (246) is shorter and more compact, but pro scouts say he'll be in the NFL some day. Depth

in the offensive line is uncertain. Tackle Tim Daniels (263) has the best chance to break into the starting lineup.

Tennessee's running game will feature Hubert Simpson (214), the big back who popped in four touchdowns against Notre Dame last fall. James Berry (184), Terry Daniels (178), and Glenn Ford (197) have outstanding potential as speed backs.

Tight end Reggie Harper (214) is a probable all-conference performer. Wide receiver Mike Miller (179), Anthony Hancock (180), and Willie Gault (173) have track speed.

The Volunteers have a high point man as place-kicker. Alan Duncan, son of Baptist missionaries, learned to kick in African soccer. He taught kicking on a November Saturday last fall with five field goals at Kentucky.

Tennessee's defense is much improved. Opponents found a race track up the middle in 1979, but the stopper is back. Middle guard Jimmy Noonan, out last season with a leg injury, played like an All-America in spring drills. Noonan (240) is built like a fireplug.

Eight other defensive regulars return, including tackles Brad White (249) and Kenny Jones (245). End Brian Ingram (225) is a leader. End Mike Cofer (217) has all-star potential. The second line is not as strong. Charles Gillespie, a big tackle, and ends Bret Aitchison and Mike Casteel are prospects.

Danny Spradlin (223) leads the linebackers. Chris Bolton (218) is a probable starter. Lemont Holt-Jeffers and most improved Mark Burns will compete for playing time.

The secondary is solid, perhaps spectacular. Cornerback Wilbert Jones (177) has emerged as a leader. Strong safety Greg Gaines (188) is a fierce hitter. Bill Bates (189) and Danny Martin (181) are other returning regulars. Carlton Peoples and Lee Jenkins show considerable promise.

Tennessee's schedule is difficult, maybe its toughest ever. Besides regular SEC challenges, the Vols face such national powers as Southern Cal and Pitt.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

The Bulldogs won a

good number of games between the twenty yard lines in 1979. Unfortunately, they lost eight at the goal line. Even their three victories were costly, with injuries wiping out key players. Their 28-9 win over Tennessee was especially brutal. Two starting running backs and quarterback Tony Black went down.

But this year Mississippi State is changing from the Wishbone to a multiple offense, and with 16 starters returning—nine on offense—maybe the breaks (and fractures) might start going their way.

The offensive change has already made receiver Mardy McDole (205) very happy. Stiffed at wide-out last season because of the chew-em-up Wishbone, McDole nearly went to waste. But with the Bulldogs throwing more, McDole will be the primary target. Lest opponents concentrate too much on McDole, Mississippi State returns two other starting receivers—split end David Ellis (175) and sophomore tight end Jerry Price (225).

All their experience will be moot if the ball doesn't reach them. Here's the tricky spot. Black, a 175-pound senior, is a thrower, but he's also a bit fragile. Junior Gary Schaffhauser (195) played a bit last year, but just a bit. The big surprise is Robby Mink (185), a placement holder last year who emerged from spring practice on top of the heap. But senior Dwayne Brown (190), who played baseball in the spring, and high school All-America John Bond and Tim Parenton could enter the race.

Running back is solid despite heavy losses. Sophomore halfback Michael Haddix (210) started part of the year, while fullback Fred Collins (240) went full-time.

The line is particularly tough with four starters back. Senior Alan Massey (260) played guard last season, but has been moved to right tackle. He'll be joined by Wayne Harris, a 6-3, 270-pound sophomore getting his first starting opportunity. On the left side, starters Roman Grace (245) and Matt Edwards (230) are back at tackle and guard, respectively. Center is sophomore Kent Hull (220).

Seven defensive starters return, eight if you count linebacker Johnnie Cooks (235), who was

Auburn running back James Brooks led the SEC in rushing with 1,208 yards on 109.8 yards per contest.



injured in the opening game. His return will make the linebacking extremely tough. Back also are senior starters Don Edwards (215) and Rusty Martin (190) on the outside and junior Curtis Hill (215) in the middle.

The line may be a bit thin. Glen Collins (260), a defensive end last year, moved inside to help out at tackle. He'll be backed up by junior Ronald Harper (235). Sophomore Mike McEnany (205) will be given a shot at Collins's end spot. Senior Tyrone Keys (260) returns on the other side and Earnie Barnes (255) gets a chance at left tackle.

Half of the secondary is back. The other half is young. Willie Jackson (190) returns to left corner, while Rob Fesmire (180) nestles back in at strong safety. Sophomore Greg Williams (180) will roam the backfield as free safety, while sophomore Steve Johnson (195) gets a shot at corner. Clint Turnipseed (190) will see back-up action at both safeties.

Kicking is solid with Dana Moore handling punting, kickoffs, and placements. He averaged 39.5 yards a punt in 1979.

The Bulldogs play two games on campus and the final four in nearby Jackson. Those four, by the way, are SEC battles with Auburn, Alabama, LSU, and cross-state rival Ole Miss. Early games with Louisiana Tech, Vanderbilt, Florida, and Illinois just might help give the Bulldogs enough experience to handle those season-ending conference clashes.

MISSISSIPPI On a scale of 1-10, the Rebels rate a four—as in Fourcade. The SEC's total-offense leader in 1979, Fourcade accounted for 2,014 yards and was named the league's sophomore of the year. Fourcade passed for 1,521 yards with a 58.7 percentage and just nine interceptions. He also ran for 459 yards. The Rebels, otherwise young in the offensive backfield, need another superb year from the 6-1, 214-pound Fourcade if they expect to improve on last season's Four-7 record. Keeping the gutsy junior healthy will be the key.

There are, though, some other factors. Third-year coach Steve Sloan, who finished with back-to-back season-ending wins over Tennessee and Mississippi State, has made some changes in an effort to keep that momentum. An addition to Mississippi Memorial stadium will increase the capacity to 62,500 and help give the Rebels an advantage at home, where they were 2-5.

"We are hoping for at least 50 percent improvement in our defense over a year ago," said Sloan. "We have made 10-13 position switches which should enable us to develop more speed on defense as well as have all the best athletes in the lineup."

Although graduation took veteran nose guard James Jordan and linebacker Eddy Householder, the Rebels have some talent in sophomore defensive end James Otis (200), who made the freshman All-America team. Richard Vacca (223) will bid strongly for the other end spot.

Tackles Tony Dalton (254), sophomore, and John Johnson (262) return. Newcomers Kenneth Dotson (235) and Bryan Kennedy (220) may help. Sophomore Nakita Williams (223) was the fourth-leading tackler and owns a linebacker spot. Alternate Dale Erves (233) may find a full-time job. Sophomore Andy Shaw (226) will try to fill the big shoes of nose man Jordan.



Tennessee RB Hubert Simpson rushed for 792 yards and 6 TD's in 1979.

The secondary looks strong with returning starters Brad White (179), Joel Stewart (196), Phil Freightman (183), and Wally Knox (183). Switching some back-up receivers to the secondary will add depth.

Two of the biggest holes to fill are on the specialty teams. All-America Jim Miller's booming punts are a thing of the past at Oxford. Sophomores Darryl Graham and Steve Austin and freshman signee Joe Campanova will each have a chance. Place-kicker Hoppy Langley, who set a Rebel career record with 178 points, has also departed. Freshman signee George Papoutsidis and walk-on Todd Gatlin will battle for the job.

On offense, the strengths after Fourcade are the front line and receivers. Ken Toler (192) made the SEC All-Academic team and returns for his senior year after nabbing 23 for 441 yards and two touchdowns. Senior tight end Billy Wise (238) caught 18 passes for 181 yards and gained a reputation as a blocker. Mike Harmon, 200-pound sophomore, is a deep threat at flanker. He can also run, which he showed by returning a punt 54 yards for a TD against Missouri. Transfer Breck Tyler (199) adds big-play potential.

Veteran linemen Chris Cottam (234), Coot Russell (236), Pat Phenix (255), Chuck Comiskey (268), and Mark Moore (263) should give Fourcade as much protection as Fort Knox.

Three key losses make the backfield a question mark. Gone are Leon Perry, Reg Wouillard, and Freddie Williams. Perry became the Rebels second-leading all-time rusher in 1979 and Williams ran for 1,230 yards in his career.

The backfield has a lot of potential but not

much experience. Sophomore Kinny Hooper (207), from Sloan's home town of Cleveland, Tennessee, broke into the starting lineup last fall and finished with 459 yards rushing and 173 receiving. He was also a standout on specialty teams. Buford McGee (205) injured his shoulder in the third game but was ruled a hardship case and still has four years of eligibility. Sophomore Chester Thornton (205) played in nine games, averaging 5.1 yards. Andre Thomas (204) was bothered by an ankle injury, but should be in top form for this time around.

LSU Few teams have had to contend with such off-the-field trauma as has LSU in the past year: the emotional departure of Charlie McClendon; the tragic death of new coach Bo Rein.

Charged with picking up the pieces and forging on is former LSU All-America Jerry Stovall. He has his work cut out for him.

The most critical problem is quarterback. Departed David Woodley and Steve Ensminger combined to throw all but two of LSU's passes last season. Sophomore Alan Risher (187) will try to fill both pairs of shoes, while juniors Robbie Mahfouz (195) and Bob Lane (195) wait in the wings.

Only LeRoid Jones (349 yards) is missing among tailbacks. Leading rusher Hokie Gajan (210) is back at fullback. He'll vie with tailback Jesse Myers (190) and fullback Danny Soileau (220) for rushing yardage. Jude Hernandez (210) will also get a chance from the veer.

Orlando McDaniel, a 175-pound junior high-hurdler, heads the receiving corps. Senior Tracy Porter (184) will see quite a bit of playing time. Senior Greg LaFleur (217) had 11 catches

at tight end but should have a few more this time. Backup Malcom Scott (222) will grab his share.

Three of the starting five linemen return, headed by junior tackle Tom Tully (233). Sophomore Mike Burks (235) and junior Mike Turner (231) are the guards. Letterman Marty Dufrene (224) and sophomore Jim Holsombake (229) are the centers.

"We are inexperienced in the offensive line and at quarterback," said Stovall. "We have good running backs and our receivers are good. We have to replace a couple of quality defensive linemen. Our linebackers are young. We'll need help from incoming freshmen to fill in at linebacker and defensive backfield. Those are the positions of immediate concern."

The reason for the secondary worries is Willie Teal, who graduated after leading the team with four interceptions. He also had 84 tackles, returned nine punts, and turned in countless big plays. He will be missed.

But helping to make his absence hurt a little less will be returning starters James Britt (189), LSU career interception leader Chris Williams (197), and Marcus Quinn (207). Junior Robert Drutte (213) will be the fourth starter. Three lettermen back them up.

Senior Jerry Hill (220) is the only returning starter at linebacker. He'll be flanked by sophomore Al Richardson (210). Junior Mike Johnson (222) is the only reserve with a letter. Mark Ippolito (234) was switched to tackle and two linebackers graduated. At tackle Ippolito will be playing behind senior Benjy Thibodeaux (240) and sophomore Leonard Marshall (250). Thibodeaux had 64 tackles and six sacks last season.

All-America candidate George Atiyeh (249) anchors the line nose guard. A starter since his freshman year, Atiyeh's 99 tackles were second only to end Lyman White's 109. White an All-America candidate as well, stands 6-0 and weighs 217. He's as quick as any end in the Southeast and most in the nation. First-team All-SEC last year, he recovered four fumbles, set a school record for most tackles in a season. Trying to avoid being overshadowed at the other end is junior Bill Farrell (210). He'll be replacing John Adams, who had 44 tackles and knocked down some passes. Sophomore Donnie Vickers (215) will see some back-up duty.

Senior place-kicker Don Barthel led the team in scoring with 42 points. Robbie Mahfouz and John Conway, who combined for just 17 punts, both return.

Despite the winter occurrences, recruiting went well. Offensive depth must be improved, as well as linebacking and defensive back. But if Stovall receives any help at all from freshmen, he may start his tenure off on a winning note.

KENTUCKY In the first five games of 1979, Fran Curci used everybody but the Wildcat mascot at quarterback. Injuries wiped out Mike Shutt and Randy Jenkins. Walk-on Juan Portela was activated, and Terry Henry, a freshman who had been moved to running back, was switched back to QB.

Somehow, through all the adversity, including key injuries to the offensive line, the Wildcats finished 5-6, 3-3 in the conference. Wins included Mississippi and Maryland, with near misses against Tennessee and LSU.

Henry, 6-1, 182-pound sophomore, and



Chris Jones (top) ran for 770 yards for Kentucky; Ole Miss QB John Fourcade led SEC in total offense.

Portella, 6-1, 185, shared starting duties the last half of the season. Henry, especially, was brilliant at times, inept at others. This season Henry will battle sophomore Larry McCrimmon (190) for starting job. McCrimmon started the last six games of 1978 and then sat out last year with a suspension from Curci.

Also back from suspension are junior defensive backs Venus Meaux (180) and Norm Green (176). They'll be needed to compensate for the absence of departed starter Larry Carter. Meaux and Green, though, will have to win starting jobs. Greg Long (190), Tom Petty (180), Andy Molls (180), and Ben Johnson (180) have the upper hand right now. But expect to see Meaux at strong safety.

Filling the nose guard spot vacated by Richard Jaffe is a major concern. Juniors Effley Brooks (230) and Chuck Jones (205) will fight it out. Defensive captain and linebacker Lester Boyd graduated, leaving senior Chuck Smith (216) and sophomore Scott Schroeder (182). The rest of the defensive front doesn't have bad size, with Don Fielder (236) and Richard Abraham (230) at the ends and Earl Wilson (252) and Kevin Kearns (235) at tackles.

The offensive line returns starting center Ken Roark (230) and starting right guard Steve Williams (253). Sophomores Gergal Smyth (259) and Bob Fogle (253) have the tackles, while senior Steve Hricenak (226) should be left guard. Sophomore tight end Robb Mangas played in just three games last year, catching two passes. Junior Jim Campbell caught just one, but he missed the final five games after a hernia operation.

The big loss to the receiving corps is Felix Wilson, who led the team with 33 catches for 534 yards. He also holds career marks with 90 receptions and 1,508 yards. Heir-apparent to Wilson is sophomore Alan Watson (180), seven catches for 92 yards in 1979. Sophomore Brian Allen (180) and junior Grey Wimberly (156)—with no catches between them in 1979—are listed at flanker.

The offensive backfield will have more depth. The three leading rushers return, including fullback Shawn Donigan (213), who had 847 yards and four TD's. Running back Chris Jones (196) tallied seven touchdowns and 770 yards while just a freshman. Sophomore Pete Venable (192) had 460 yards, including an 82-yarder against Bowling Green. Randy Brooks, the top runner two years ago, returns after suspension.

Sophomores Randy Jenkins (190) and Chris Poulton (187) shared the punting duties last year. Junior place-kicker Rick Strein (207) was the second-leading scorer.

"We're young and inexperienced again this year," said Curci. "Our roster lists 40 sophomores, so we'll have to depend on incoming freshmen to fill in at some positions."

Seven home games will take some of the pressure off the youngsters, but away battles at Oklahoma, Tulane, Alabama, and Tennessee won't be much fun.

FLORIDA Things can only get better for Charley Pell and his Gators. Only a scoreless season could be worse than 1979, when Florida went winless for the first time since 1946.

Morale—but not depth—is at a new high with 18 starters back, including ten on offense. The faces, though, will be the only similarity between this and last year's Gator offensive attack, Pell

believes. Florida has installed a pro-style passing game after winding up last in the SEC in offense and near the bottom in the nation.

There's little doubt the Gators have the hands for a passing game. All they need is an arm. Senior Larry Ochab (182) is the incumbent quarterback, but he battled neck and neck with sophomore Tyrone Young (190) during the spring. There are very few differences between the two. One of them simply needs to step forward. What makes the QB race most interesting, though, is that Pell signed four good high school signal callers. It may be one of them who emerges by season's end.

There is no such identity crisis at receiver. Senior Cris (Cadillac) Collinsworth (192) is back after catching 41 passes for 593 yards and two TD's. He also returns punts and kick-offs, rushes a few times, and does a nifty number in the halftime show.

Sophomore tight end Chris Faulkner (244) is considered one of the team's best athletes and a definite pro pick in a few years. He had 22 catches and four TD's in 1979. Junior Curt Garrett (191) is the other wide-out, with sophomore Spencer Jackson (180) backing him up.

The offensive line is experienced with seniors Joe Wickline (270) at tackle and Wally Hough (257) at guard. Senior Mark Midden (270), who missed most of last season with an injury, will back up Hough while senior David Mabardy (264) will see action at tackle. Sophomore Dan Fike (248) will probably start at one of the tackles. Classmate Dan Plonk (244) will go at guard, with another sophomore, John Redmond (237), at center. Senior Jim Subers (238) will see some action at guard as well.

Three runners will see almost equal time in the backfield. Sophomore tailback Johnell Brown (175) heads the list with 306 yards last season. He'll be joined by fullback James Jones (229) and senior Terry Williams (202).

Eight starters and two would-be starters return to the defense. Tackles David Galloway (262) went down in the first game and was ruled a hardship case. He'll start at one tackle. Steve Tanner (260) was also injured, but will have to fight sophomore Vince Jones (242) for the starting assignment. Dock Luckie (261), sometime starter who excels in track, will also be a factor.

Noseguard is solid with junior Robin Fisher (230) back after making 73 tackles in 1979. Junior John Whittaker (239) will also see some playing time. The linebackers are led by David Little (222), who had 58 tackles and two interceptions last season. He'll be joined by junior Frank Holloway (181). Sophomore Fernando Jackson (210) and Mike Ricketts (215) will be worked in. Seniors Yancey Sutton (223) and Tim Golden (220) offer experience at defensive end.

Returning starter Bill Fiorillo (185) and free safety Tim Groves (198) are the only seniors in the backfield. The other starters, Sonny Gilliam (175) and Gordon Pleasants (198), and backups Bruce Vaughan (175), Pablo Mila (185), Kyle Knight (171), and Ivory Curry (177) are sophomores.

Bill Conover did the punting last year, but this is a wide-open race. Brian Clark did the place-kicking, but will get a stiff challenge from sophomore Don Van Wie.

"We have an opportunity for good competition," said Pell. This football team is going to have to scratch and claw and be dedicated to staying in the fight."

VANDERBILT There are only two areas in which the Commodores must improve this year: offense and defense. At least the kicking game is solid. Place-kicker Mike Woodard led the team in scoring with 39 points last season. Second-team All-SEC punter Jim Arnold averaged 41.9 yards a kick, but he had a lot of practice.

Actually, there may be more highlights in Music City than the specialists. And it's likely the 1980 campaign won't be as frustrating as last year's 1-10 effort. Nonetheless, head coach George MacIntyre isn't getting overconfident.

"We're still a long way from being any kind of contender," says MacIntyre. "But we're making progress, laying the foundation for better things in the future."

They can't get much worst. First of all, there's a good chance just one senior could be starting on defense, linebacker Phil Swindoll (205). He won't be the best player on defense, which is good news if you believe in laying foundation. Swindoll may not even start, because junior Norwood Ervin (220) has played well. The best Commodore defender may very well be linebacker Andrew Coleman (233), an all-conference candidate who led Vandy in tackles last year with 140, 88 of them solos.

The secondary is untested and to some extent untrained. Allama Matthews (210) is a good athlete but is just learning the free safety posi-

tion after moving there from wide receiver in the spring. He's only a sophomore and did not letter last year, but MacIntyre thinks he has potential. Junior Mark Brown (190) started at right corner last year and will be the secondary leader. Sophomores Danny Stafford (195) and Richard Bennett (190) both lettered last year and will vie for playing time at strong safety. Sophomore Gerald Gilmore (184) may start over senior Mike Mitchell (195) at left corner.

Sophomore defensive ends John Clements (226) and Joe Staley (203) return after starting in their freshman year. Andy Ervin (213) and Joe Casella (220) will see back-up duty. Juniors Tim Moore (242) and Lee Edmondson (259) return to the tackle spots. Moore had 55 tackles in 1979. They'll be spelled by Butch Maggard (245) and Rodney Gurley (250). Nose guard will be very young with sophomore Pat Saindon (249) starting. Freshman Chris Annulus (220) is listed as back-up.

The offensive outlook is somewhat brighter with seven starters returning. Quarterback Van Heflin (211) is back to run the Veer. He started seven games last year and hit 51.6 percent of his passes. Junior Whit Taylor (183) started the other four games and completed 57.5 percent.

Despite the loss of the SEC's leading receiver, Preston Brown, the wide-outs will be tough with junior flanker Wamon Bugs (196)

Vanderbilt QB Van Heflin pitches out.



and senior split end Charles Edwards (192). Back-up Steve Dison (170), though, is inexperienced, so freshman help will be needed. Tight end Flavious Smith (232) finished second in receiving to Brown with 25 catches. He can also block. Back-up John McCain (224) has three letters and experience.

The backfield suffered a deep loss with the graduation of Frank Mordica, who rushed for 830 yards. Senior Terry Potter (199) will take over as work horse. He was second in rushing to Mordica last year with 579 yards. Reserve Norman Jordon (180) will also get some work. Sophomore Lucius High (185) and junior Marcus Williams (195) will split time at the other running back spot.

The "H bombs" are back on the offensive line. Juniors Loie Hudgins (276) and Ken Hammond (256) may be two of the best linemen in the league. Reserve help is limited with Marshall Cheatham (252) behind Hudgins at tackle and Jeff Madden (256) behind Hammond at guard. Center Keith Phillips (240) has started the last two years. He'll have experience behind him with two-year letterman Barry Flynn (242). Senior Mark Matlock (258) has never started but has lettered for three years. He'll take over at one tackle. Greg Simmons (255) will be gaining experience in a reserve roll. Transfer Joey Hancock (233) and junior David Funk (250) will

battle for time at the other guard position.

INDEPENDENTS

FLORIDA STATE There are very few things Bobby Bowden could do to make 1980 as successful as 1979. Never before had the Seminoles:

- 1) finished a regular-season, major-college schedule undefeated
- 2) been invited to participate in a New Year's day bowl game
- 3) advanced as far as fourth in the nation's top 20
- 4) wound up ranked sixth in the AP final poll

The Cinderella team of 1979 turned abruptly back into a pumpkin on New Year's night, though, with a 24-7 drilling at the hands of Oklahoma. And with a 1980 opener at LSU, last season's achievements will have to be put behind them.

"We will strive to keep up the pace," said Bowden. "I know everyone will be expecting us to do well. Last year we got great national exposure, so winning this year will be more difficult than ever."

Especially since he lost his first two quarterbacks. Interchangeable Jimmy Jordan and Wally Woodham have left this year's signal calling to Rick Stockstill, a 180-pound junior. Sophomore Weegie Thompson (6-5, 210), Blair Williams

(180), and Kelly Lowrey (210) are knotted behind.

Other spots in the backfield suffered as well. Fullback Mark Lyles, only the second back in Seminole history to gain more than 1,000 yards in a season, is gone. Left to carry on is Mike Whiting (210), a fullback the first six games of 1979 before switching to tailback. He started the rest of the season and had two 100-yard outings. Now he's back at fullback because of another position switch. In order to come up with a breakaway threat, Bowden moved wide receiver Sam Platt (185) to tailback. He had been running back in high school. An unknown factor is Homes Johnson (185), who gained 817 yards two years ago and then left the squad last season.

The receiving corps will sorely miss Jackie Flowers, but Hardis Johnson (175) and Phil Williams (170) have some experience. Four starters are back from the offensive line, including center John Madden (220). The tackles are Ken Lanier (265) and Tom Brannon (250), while Greg Futch (255) is back at guard. Lee Adams (235) and Chris Nickrenz (250) will see action at the other guard.

There's no question who the outstanding defensive player is. Nose guard Ron Simmons (240) was a consensus All-America as a junior and sees no reason why he can't repeat, de-

Commodore wide receiver Wamon Buggs is flipped by Georgia's Dale Williams in 1979 game won by Bulldogs.



spite off-season wrist surgery. James Gilbert (245) and Mark Macek (255) will line up on either side of Simmons as the tackles. Arthur Scott (240) made the switch from tackle to end last year and returns for his senior season. Scott McLean (218) will probably start at the other end, but Jarvis Coursey (220) will see lots of action as a back-up.

Both starting linebackers return—Reggie Herring (215), who led the team in tackles two straight years, and Paul Pirowski (225), who came back from knee surgery last year.

Cornerback Bobby Butler (170) is a three-year starter considered by many pro scouts as the best athlete on the team. He is the quickest Seminole and will take on the top opposing receiver man-to-man. Sophomore Harvey Clayton (164) and junior James Harris (175) will battle for the other corner. Monk Bonasorte (175) had eight interceptions last year and returns at free safety. Strong safety Keith Jones (180) was a first-team academic All-America.

Bill Capece will handle place-kicking chores, while Rohn Stark will do the punting.

TULANE Master builder Larry Smith, 9-24 after three years of preliminary construction, unveiled his finished product last fall. It was a masterpiece. Smith led the Green Wave to a 9-2 regular-season record, tainted only by a 9-6 Liberty Bowl loss to Penn State in the rain.

But like a true artist, Smith has moved on to a new project, taking over at Arizona. What he left behind, however, should keep the Green Wave

rolling. Back for 1980 are 26 seniors, 43 lettermen, and 14 starters. On top of that, last winter was what many considered the school's best recruiting effort.

Heading the list of freshmen are four defensive backs, which were what the Green Wave needed after losing starters Mike Sims, Phil Townsend, and Steve Hubbell. What experience there is belongs to Lionel Washington (175), Tyrone Smith (180), and George Geishauser (180). The lone returning starter is Terry Daffin (185). The situation, however, may not be that serious. Opposing ball carriers may not make it to the secondary. The defensive front is that good.

Inside linebacker Marty Wetzel, 6-3, 235, is an All-America candidate. He's joined by returning outside linebacker Jeff Roberts (235), one of the team's faster players. Leading tackler Frank Robinson (195) returns as the other inside linebacker, while Don Rice (195) will be given a shot at outside.

Middle guard Wilfred Simon (220) spearheads the defensive line. He had five sacks and 102 tackles last year. Returning starters Kevin Cole (250) and Bill Lichtenstein are tackles.

The entire offensive line returns, headed by guards Arnie Diaz (250) and Chuck Pitcock (255). Scott Morrell (250) and Rob Indicott (249) are the tackles and Rick Hathaway (230) the center for a unit which helped establish school marks for total yards and yards passing a game.

It wasn't exactly all their doing. Now departed quarterback Roch Hontas, who rewrote the Tulane record book, added a whole new dimension. Hontas set every school passing record for both career and a single season. Filling those shoes will be tough. But Nickie Hall

(200) was the back-up for two years and now seems ready to be turned loose. Transfer Paul Catonese (206) may challenge.

The backfield will miss leading rusher Marvin Christian, but starting fullback Reggie Reginelli (185) and tailback Terry Harris (185) have plenty of experience.

Tight end Rodney Holman (230) set a school season record with 47 receptions and is considered the best blocking tight end in the school's history. Wide receiver Marcus Anderson (178) had 22 receptions and returned kickoffs. Nolan Franz (180) will be the other wide-out.

Punter Frank Willis returns. Sophomore Vince Manalla will try to replace Ed Murray, who rewrote the place-kicking records much as Hontas did the passing.

MIAMI In the eighth game of the 1979 season, new Hurricane head coach Howard Schnellenberger called upon freshman quarterback Jim Kelly to start against a team called Penn State. If Kelly was nervous in his first collegiate start, it didn't show. The 6-3, 204-pounder (who by the way, is from Pennsylvania) completed 18 of 30 passes for the 280 yards and three touchdowns as Miami won, 26-10.

And now, in Schnellenberger's second season, not only is Kelly back but he's joined by the entire starting offensive unit. Most prominent is wide receiver Pat Walker (187) whose 26.4 yards per catch led the nation. Flankers Jim Joiner (195) and Larry Brodsky (184), with 54 catches between them, complement Walker superbly. Joiner also averaged 23.9 yards per kickoff return.

A weak running attack that averaged only 99 yards in 1979 will be bolstered by three

Tulane stars: TE Rodney Holman (87) had 5 TD's; LB Marty Wetzel (97) had strong Liberty Bowl; MG Wilfred Simon (77) is All-America.



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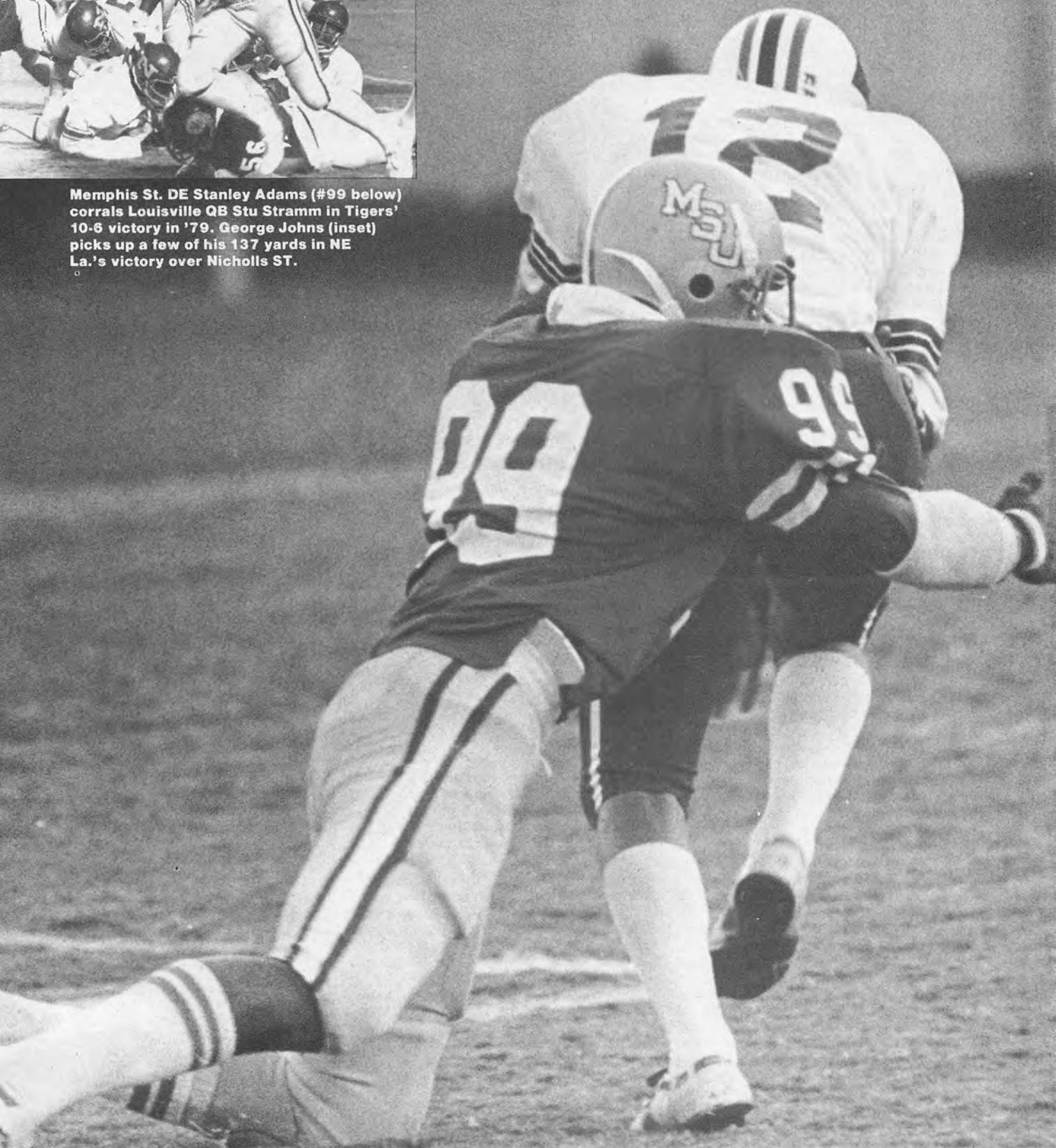
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Memphis St. DE Stanley Adams (#99 below)
corrals Louisville QB Stu Stramm in Tigers'
10-6 victory in '79. George Johns (inset)
picks up a few of his 137 yards in NE
La.'s victory over Nicholls ST.



deep south

outstanding high school signees—Parade All-America Freddie Miles (190), Robert (Speedy) Neal (242), and Keith Griffin (180), brother of two-time Heisman winner Archie. But first this talented trio must beat out incumbents Chris Hobbs (187) at halfback and Gary Breckner (211) at fullback.

The offensive line had trouble opening big holes last year, but should be stronger this season. John Canei (253) and Frank Frazier (255) have the tackles, Art Kehoe (235) and Jim Pokorney (242) the guards, but senior John Fenton (243) must come back from knee surgery to win his center position from sophomore Don Bailey (252).

The defensive front line could be one of the school's best-ever. Led by All-America candidate Jim Burt (249) at nose guard, the line also features three-year starters Lester Williams (265) and Bob Nelson (245) at tackles. Tim Flanagan (224), Sports Illustrated's "National Defensive Player of the Week," after the Penn State game, returns at one end, while Greg Zapala (207) has the other.

Spirited linebackers are headed by returning starters Scott Nicolas (231) and Mozell (The Ax) Axson (233). Sophomores Greg Brown (216) and Danny Brown (225) aren't related but will share the back-up duties. The Hurricanes also have tough defensive backs in Fred Marion (185), John Swain (185), David Jefferson (224), and Mark Smith (187).

Junior place-kicker Dan Miller was second in the nation in field-goal percentage at .824. Sophomore punter Greg LaBelle averaged 35.8 yards.

Schnellenberger, after a hopeful 5-6-0 debut as a college head coach, must satisfy the auditor as well as the fans. The best sign was that attendance improved tremendously. In Lou Saban's last season at Miami, the attendance dropped to a 21,000-average. Last fall the per-game increase was more than 12,000, topped only by the big surge at Tulane.

If Schnellenberger's second team has a winning record, attendance could average 45,000 and give the Hurricanes genuine hope for a stable football future, something Miami has not had for several years.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI If the players on Bobby Collins' club act a bit sophomore, don't be surprised. There are 55 second-year men on the roster, 21 of them either first or second team.

"We'll be young, mighty young," said Collins, 6-4-1 last year. "But we'll just hitch our belts a notch and work that much harder." Deciding which spot needs the most work is easy—the offensive backfield. Southern Miss lost its entire starting backfield and wide-outs Chuck Carr Brown and Larry Taylor.

To start rebuilding, Collins believes he has blue-chip foundation in sophomore quarterback Reggie Collier (195). But junior letterman Davy Sellers (204) wants the job for himself.

Juniors Sammy Winder (196) and Ricky Floyd (171) were the busiest runners a year ago, although not the starters. Winder had the most carries with 173 and most yardage with 749, while Floyd was second in both categories. Floyd's 78 points led the team and his 12 rushing TD's tied a school record. Sophomores Mike Woodard (198) and Neal Alexander (204) have limited experience at fullback will be called upon to produce.



FB Dale Patton (top) rushed for 729 yards and 9 TD's for E. Ky; NE La. QB John Holman (middle) shows promise; Alvin Miller (#44) was E. Ky.'s top rusher.

Junior Mike Livings (178) is the only experienced wide-out. Sophomores Don Horn (160) and Marc Means (174) each own a letter. Senior tight end Marvin Harvey (220) is being touted as an All-America prospect. He tied for the team lead in receptions with 18 and led receivers with three touchdowns.

The offensive line isn't as young as some other positions. Seniors—yes, Southern Miss has a few seniors—Butch Smith (216) and Blane Burnett (233) have right guard and left tackle, respectively. Center Jamey Watson (225) is also a senior. Left guard Dale Fife (221)



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is a junior, as is right tackle Joey Hendrix (255).

Defense is much the same story as offense, with sophomores playing key roles. Moochie Allen (265) and Charley Jenkins (245) will take over at tackles. Larry Alford (222) is a promising nose guard. Sophomore George Tillman (220) and Rhett Whitley, a 204-pound returning starter, hold down the end positions.

Big-play Clump Taylor, whose 510 career tackles include 293 solos, is gone. The linebacking pressures now revert to Ron Brown (210) and Cliff Lewis (218). The secondary has more experience than most positions. Hanford Dixon (170) and strong safety Chuck Cook (197) are seniors. Corner Art Newberry (166) and free safety Danny Jackson (172) are juniors. If any are injured, depth could be a problem.

Sophomore punter Bruce Thompson has some experience, and senior place-kicker Winston Walker made 22 of 28 extra points and 8 of 12 field goals.

MEMPHIS STATE The outlook for coach Richard Williamson's Tigers is optimistic, with 15 starters and an assortment of reserves returning from a 5-6 1979 team.

First and foremost among the problems, though, will be finding a quarterback. Kevin Betts and Dennis Bradshaw, now departed, accounted for all but 12 completions and 100 yards of the Tiger passing attack. Sophomore Darrell Martin (175) started two games last season but had seven interceptions in just 36 attempts. Junior-college transfer Mike Murray (180) may push Martin for the starting job.

Lack of depth at quarterback just might be offset by the abundance of it in the offensive line. Sixteen linemen return, including four of five starters. Rick Snider (248) is back at tackle, while Brian Vanderheyden (242) and Buddy Carter (235) return at guards. Fred Heesch (244) and Greg Clark (248) will once again share time at center. Sophomore Bill Chauncey (248) lettered last year and seems ready to inherit Darell Torbett's vacated tackle spot.

Tight end is just as deep with three lettermen returning. Russell Richards (204) has started two years. Bob Humble (220) and Frank Smith (202) will see their share of playing time.

Three-year starter Richard Locke (203) returns to fullback where he has 1,375 career yards. Tailback Leo Cage graduated, but Dwayne Ricketts (175), Richard Williams (190), Danny Feits (170), and Anthony Parker (190) all saw playing time. John Bowers (177), Tony Hunt (175) and Jerry Knowlton (155) will split duties at wide-outs.

Defensive end will have experience with Keith Clark (232), Stanley Adams (208), and Mike Kleimeyer (220) returning. The three alternated as starters last season and should do the same this year. Finding replacements for nose guard Peter Scatamacchia and defensive tackle Wayne Weedon will be a top priority. Returning starter Rick Ackerman (235) lettered behind Scatamacchia and will probably start. Senior Dennis Smith (244) has never started but has some experience at tackle. Anthony Pechion (256) will get a shot at tackle, while James Bartlett (235) and Tim Mason (230) have limited playing time.

Three-year starter Michael Thomas (200) and two-year starter Todd Ondra (215) head the linebacking corps. Duane Marshall (208) and Mike Evans (198) have both played well at times. Starters Terrie Sudduth (175) and Johnny Ray (190) return to the defensive secondary. Other spots must be filled from lettermen Stanley Dunn (185), Dean Nichols (170), and Anthony Carter (185). Rusty Bennett returns as place-kicker. A punter must be found.

LOUISVILLE The Cardinals were bettered by opponents last year in every offensive category. So head coach Bob Weber decided to do something about it. With eight starters returning, he might just succeed.

And even if they are not flying high in the standings, the Cardinals will at least fly a bit higher on the field. Weber has decided to step up his air game. He thinks he has the weapons. The biggest gun is senior flanker Kenny Robinson (182), who was second in receiving last year despite missing the final four games with a fractured collarbone. Weber thinks Robinson might challenge the school single-season receiving record of 59 catches.

Helping to draw some of the attention away

from Robinson are a pair of sophomores at split end, Mark Clayton (170) and John Ayers (197). Both, though, have limited experience. Tight end Mark Wilson (216) has a bit more, scoring one TD last season and averaging more than 20 yards a catch.

Of course, the major concern will be getting the ball to the receivers. Sophomore quarterback Scott Gannon (182) started some last year, but hit just 32 percent of his passes. He also had five interceptions in 64 attempts. The big story just might be junior Terry Mullins (205), who sat out last year.

But the Cardinals also need a good ground game. They might have it with returning starters Greg Hickman (202) and Bo Haden (195). Hickman, a redshirt sophomore, led the team in rushing with 648 yards. But he had just one reception. That will probably change. Haden, entering his final campaign, was third in rushing with 338 and had six receptions.

Opening holes for them will be a seasoned offensive line. Heading the list of four returning starters are guard Greg Dimoff (245) and Steve Cupito (252). Junior Jim Miller (252) is the center, while big senior Joe Jacoby (272) owns one tackle spot. The other tackle will be split between a pair of sophomores, Robert Niece (264) and Todd McMahan (262).

The defense will miss All-America linebacker Otis Wilson, but maybe not as much as people think. Eddie Johnson, an All-America candidate in his own right, will move from outside linebacker to the weakside spot vacated by Wilson. The 218-pounder has the eye of pro scouts. Rounding out the linebacking crew are juniors Gene Hagan (218) and Joe Kader (224) and sophomore Jay Trautwein (232).

Returning starter Dan Dihtzeruk (258) anchors the defensive line. He'll be joined by sophomore Mark Musgrave (235) at tackle and junior Lamar Evans (240) at nose guard.

The secondary has the most defensive experience. Starting cornerback Leon Williams (190) had three interceptions and two fumble recoveries last year. Senior Jamie Perrin (190) knows the ropes. But the experience ends there. Sophomores Jack Pok (190) and Frank Minnifield (180) will fill in at the other spots, with depth coming from sophomores Sebastian Curry (174), Robert Wilson (200), Ellsworth Larkin (180), and Roger Clay (183).

Punting is handled by returnee Dave Betz, who also did some place-kicking.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA There will be a new look on both offense and defense for the Indians—one planned, the other unavoidable. Coach John David Crow will go to the Multiple-I after using the veer for four years and rolling up a 13-30-1 record.

On defense, the new look will be in the form of new players. Just three starters return, only two of them seniors. Defensive depth will come from sophomores, which may be nice for the future but not too exciting for the upcoming fall.

"We can have a good team, but we have a lot of spots to fill," said Crow. "Our defensive tackles should be strong and a lot rests on their shoulders." Returning senior left tackle Ricky Issac, at 244 pounds, has pretty sturdy shoulders. Right tackle Ken Poole (240) did not start last year but has experience.

Safeties Steve Issac (182) and Jody Norman (168) are the other returning starters. Sopho-



Austin Peay wide receiver Steve Puthoff nabs pass vs. East. Kentucky.

more Everett Williams (166) and junior Ken Glapser (182) will try to fill in at the corners for departed Vic Minor and David Dumars.

Sophomore Ricky Sanders (206) and Ron Reliford (209) step in at linebackers, while Steve Reich (217) and Phil Brewer (198) will be the ends. Sophomore Stan McNair (211) goes at nose guard.

The picture on offense is somewhat similar, with quarterback and offensive line question marks. Sophomore John Holman (190) started the last half of last season, completing 42 of 94 passes for 511 yards and six interceptions. He also led the team in total offense. Junior Robin Wasson (200) is the only other experienced signal caller.

Only guard Kenny Roberts (250) and center Dennis Piper (245) return from last year's starting line. Jimmy Adams (260), a starter before injuries cost him his job, will likely fill one of the tackle spots. Junior Steve Roberts (225) will hold down the other. Sophomore Gene Ponti (225) will get a shot at the other guard position.

Running back may be a problem. Leading rusher George Johns has quit football, but number four career rusher Nathan Johnson (172) returns. Sophomore Feotis Moore (195) filled in at both running spots and is an excellent blocker. He will replace Johns. Letterman Robert Newman (190) will also see some action.

Wide-outs are experienced with starting flanker Jimmy Husser (176) back as well as starting tight end Gary Hurd (218). Larry Hamilton (169) is a top candidate for split end. Bubba Toups converted 15 of 16 extra-point tries, while barefoot punter Bill Weimer averaged 39.9 yards.

TENNESSEE STATE No matter where Tennessee State plays this year, the Tigers will be taking a 747. They can't win without him.

Joe (747) Adams threw for 2476 and 26 touchdowns in 1979 while breaking school records for passes completed and attempted, yards gained, and touchdowns. This fall he'll continue his assault on former NFL quarterback Joe Gilliam's career records. Adams (6-3, 185) ranked ninth in the country last season in total offense with 203.5 yards a game.

Quarterback is also one of the deepest spots on the team. Senior Mike Jolly (195) played in every game last year. Sophomore Bryan Ransom (195) also made a few appearances.

But quarterback strength isn't the only reason the Tigers went 8-3. Wide receiver Mike Jones (185) caught 46 passes for 786 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Lee Haynes (185) hauled in 33 passes and seven touchdown aerials. Back-ups Sam Puckett (1175) and Ron Fleetwood (175) have experience. Rozman Gordon (222) may move into the tight end spot vacated by McDonald Oden, who had 38 catches last year. Vincent Harris (220) may play some as well.

If Ronald Holland (255) and large Larry Kinnerbrew (250) can come back from injuries, the backfield will be solid. Yes, Holland and Kinnerbrew are runners, calling themselves the "500 backfield," which is about the number you get when you add their weights. Other runners include Morris Harris (205), who rushed for 185 yards last year, and Steve Turner (180).

The line is led by center James Taylor (245) and Dexter Berry (245). The tackles are huge with Steve Moore (285), Curtis Mitchell (315), Donald Laster (260), and Sylvester Jarrett

(240).

The defense will have to replace six starters. Hardest hit was the secondary, where all four starters departed. Gerald Perry (180) is the only returning letterman. Abe Collins (195), Bryan Howard (185), Arthur Revere (175), and Rodney Freeman (190) will get long looks.

Leading tackler Aaron Joseph has left the linebacking corps, as have Emmett Haynes and Harold Oliver. Starters will come from Aaron Ford, Harold Ross, Ricky Scott (215), Dwayne Roberts (235), and Robert Orr (210).

Tackles are strong with Malcolm Taylor (255) and Ricky Robinson (245). Middle guard is a question mark. Booker Beachum (240) had off-season surgery. If he does not recover, Wilbur Smith (230) and Rich Golden (220) will battle for starting honors. Richard Dent (225) has a year of experience at defensive end. Bruce Walker (247) will help out if he can come back from knee surgery, which kept him on the sidelines all last year. Vynell Henderson (215) and Marcell Williams (240) will see back-up duty.

Redshirt freshman Thomas Headen may take over the punting. Larry Watkins returns as place-kicker after converting 34 of 40 extra-point attempts and 13 of 18 field goals. He was the leading scorer with 73 points.

OHIO VALLEY

MURRAY STATE With 20 starters returning from last season's Ohio Valley Conference championship team, Murray State coach Mike Gottfried is holding more aces than a riverboat gambler.

The Racers, who were picked to be the fourth best team in the conference, won their last eight regular-season games for a 9-1-1 record. Gottfried's team also earned a berth in the Division I-AA playoffs and placed second nationally in the final NCAA poll.

Defense will once again be a strong point as the Racers return all 11 starters from an outfit that ranked first in the OVC in team defense and third in I-AA in halting the rush. Murray State was also fifth nationally in scoring defense.

Back will be safety Terry Love, a rugged 6-4, 205-pounder head-hunter, who earned OVC defensive-player-of-the-year honors and was selected to the Associated Press and Kodak All-America teams for his performance last season. He also blocked three field goal attempts and one punt in 1979.

Also returning on defense are Glenn Jones, Rick Lanpher, and Mike Watson. Jones is a hard-nosed defensive end whose fierce tackling won him All-OVC honors as a sophomore. All-conference defensive tackle Lanpher was credited with 58 tackles and 62 assists.

Murray State returns nine starters on offense, including all-conference tailback Danny Lee Johnson, Nick Nance, fullbacks Kenny Davis and Tony Lester, and standout receiver Anthony Robbins. Although he was sidelined several games with injuries, Johnson still gained 632 yards last season for a 79.0 average.

EASTERN KENTUCKY Talk about a dream year, Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd had one last season. Although his Colonels finished second in the OVC race and tied for third in the NCAA Division I-AA poll, they roared back and won the national championship with a 30-7 drubbing of Lehigh.

Eastern Kentucky, the last team selected for

the playoffs, also edged Nevada-Reno 33-30 in post-season play. The Colonels hope to continue that never-say-die play this year with the return of eight offensive starters.

Kidd, who begins his seventeenth year at Eastern Kentucky, will rely on veteran running backs Alvin Miller and Dale Patton to make the Colonel ground game go. Last year, EKU scored an amazing 33 touchdowns rushing.

Miller, a tailback, was the team's leading rusher a year ago with 777 yards in 108 attempts, while scoring nine touchdowns. Patton, who is a two-time all-conference selection at fullback, rambled for 729 yards and nine TD's in 1979.

Standout quarterback Bill Hughes was lost to graduation, but his back-up there, Chris Isaac, returns and appears ready to run the show. Isaac hopes to team up with receiver Jerry Parish, who led the team with 25 catches last season for 549 yards and four touchdowns. His 28.7 average in kickoff returns was tops in the nation.

While the offense is in excellent shape, defense appears to be the question mark for the Colonels. Kidd lost eight starters, including all-conference standouts Joe Richard (nose guard) and Bob McIntyre (linebacker), from last year's defense that allowed fewer than two touchdowns per contest.

WESTERN KENTUCKY After winning the OVC crown in 1978, Western Kentucky slumped to a disappointing 5-5 record last season and a fourth-place finish in the league.

Hilltopper coach Jimmy Feix, not used to such disasters, hopes his thirteenth year at the helm of the Western Kentucky program will be luckier. The return of All-America John Hall and a high-powered offense should help.

Hall, a two-time all-conference selection at quarterback, directed the Hilltopper attack to better than 370 yards total offense last year. He threw for 1,418 yards and ten touchdowns a year ago, while connecting on better than 50 percent of his passes.

Lining up behind Hall will be Nate Jones, a real jet at halfback. Last season Jones gained 220 yards before a knee injury shelved him after the third game. Against Austin Peay a year ago, he returned a kickoff 95 yards on a gimp leg.

Battling for playing time in the Western Kentucky backfield will be Elmer Caldwell (572 yards, 5 TD's), Barry Skags (5 TD's in 4 games), Craig Freeman (360 yards), and Troy Snardon (358 yards).

On defense, the Hilltoppers return beefy ends Tim Ford, a 6-4, 245-pound All-OVC selection, and Donnie Evans (6-4, 230). In the secondary, three of four starters return, including standout Barry Bumm, who had 108 tackles in '79.

AKRON The Zips are the "new kid on the block" this year in the conference. Eligible for the OVC championship finally and in its first year of play at the I-AA level, Akron hopes to improve on last season's 6-5 record.

A lot of coaches in the conference are calling Jim Dennison's club the "dark horse" team in the league. But several key players must be replaced for the Zips to be successful.

Paul Winters, a 1,000-yard runner last year, is gone, as is quarterback Bob Maxwell, who led Akron in total offense a year ago. Winters

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Dennison does return 31 lettermen, including tailback Dennis Brumfield, who was Akron's second-leading scorer in 1979. The Zips also return starting fullback John Stayer, who averaged 3.7 yards per carry a year ago, and scored three touchdowns.

Defense should be a strong point for Akron with Scott Miller, Jim Tawse, and Joe Myers back in the middle. All-America linebacker Brad Reese also returns for the Zips, as does two-year starter Ricky Holman.

AUSTIN PEAY Second-year coach Watson Brown is hoping his Angry Red Men can pick up where they left off last year. Austin Peay won five of its last six games in 1979 and finished with a 7-4 record.

A bumper recruiting crop plus the return of 38 lettermen should assure Austin Peay a shot at its fourth consecutive winning season. Brown feels his squad will have "twice as much talent" as a year ago.

Looming big in the Governors' defensive scheme will be 6-5, 230-pound Richard Wozniak. A second-team All-America pick, the big tackle led the OVC in quarterback sacks. Also back to terrorize opposing quarterbacks will be defensive ends Mark Daniel (6-1, 215) and Brett Williams (6-2, 215). In addition, linebackers William Owens and Danny Brock, the second and third leading tacklers on the squad, will return.

Offensively, Austin Peay hopes to fill the air with footballs again. Quarterback Sonny Defilippis, who finished with five TD passes in six games, hopes to team up with split end Steve Puthoff. The latter hauled in 19 passes good for 352 yards and two touchdowns before injuring a shoulder in the fourth game of the season.

Middle Tennessee All-OVC QB Sanford Brown passed for over 1,400 yards.

MOREHEAD STATE The Eagles got lost in the shuffle last year with Murray State and Eastern Kentucky having such fine years, but first-year coach Tom Litchenburg did a bang up job with his young club.

Morehead State finished with a 5-4-1 record, the school's first winning season in five years. The Eagle defense also limited six opponents to a touchdown or less and recorded three shutouts.

This year 12 starters return—six on offense and six on defense—so look for Morehead State to be improved. The biggest—and best—returnee on defense will be All-OVC tackle Tim Brewer. The 6-3, 240-pounder was third on the team in tackles last year, behind the departed Rodney Jefferson and Tommy Warren, two outstanding linebackers.

The Morehead defensive front should be solid again with the return of defensive ends Kenny Alexander and Marc Kessler, plus nose guard Sterling Ford. Carey Reid and Bill Vogt, both regular cornerbacks in 1979, will also be back.

Offensively, fullback Bernard McIntosh, the league's top rusher with 745 yards, must be replaced, but Dwight Yarn and Marcus Johnson return at tailback where they combined for 609 yards.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE Last year "Boots" Donnelly's Middle Tennessee squad was so young that "people who beat us could get arrested for child abuse." With seven freshmen on the defensive unit, the Blue Raiders struggled to a 1-9 record in 1979.

But last year is history and Donnelly, king of the one-liners in the OVC, should have the middle Tennessee fans smiling again. He returns 14 starters, including free safety James Griffin. The top tackler for the Blue Raiders last year, Griffin had 84 in a secondary that finished in the

top ten nationally in pass defense. Strong safety Dennis Mix and cornerback Barry Ingle also return from that unit.

Four starters off the defensive line, including ends Nate Jones and Alan Blackwell, tackle Earl Brown, and nose guard Charles Gregory, return. Linebacker Robbie Ridings, who had 57 solo tackles in 1979, will also be back.

The Blue Raiders are set at quarterback with the return of sophomore Brown Sanford, who led the conference in total offense and finished seventh nationally in that category. He averaged 139 total yards per game and connected on 102 passes for 1,474 yards last year.

TENNESSEE TECH Coach Don Wade and his staff have been watching horror movies all winter. After being picked to finish in the OVC, the Golden Eagles suffered through a 1-8-2 season in 1979. Viewing reruns of those games should spur the Tennessee Tech squad to a more respectable finish this year.

Wade, who enters his thirteenth year at the school, is encouraged by his experience on defense. Ronnie Dyer (6-3, 220) returns at one end position, while Gary Hawkins Thurman Taylor, and Lance Amuso are battling for the other starting spot.

The defensive tackle position should be solid with the return of Don Edwards (6-2, 225) and Kevin Elkins (6-3, 215). Ronald Weaver, a muscular 6-3, 225-pound nose guard, also will be back.

Second-team All-OVC back Sam Smith will once again team up with Ronald Bonds in the Golden Eagle backfield. Transfer James Aaron, Chip Dickens, and Bubba Griffin are all battling for the departed Jimmy Maynard's spot at quarterback.

The Tech kicking game should be solid with the return of senior Wayne Anderson, but All-America punter Steve Davis will be missed.



GULF SOUTH

TROY STATE After going 6-3-1 overall and 4-1-1 inside the GSC last season, coach Charlie Bradshaw's Trojans may well be the team to beat in 1980, especially since they return a host of proven athletes.

On the defensive side, Troy has two All-GSC performers back in free safety Harris Spencer and cornerback Sherman Wilkinson. Linebacker Steve Stringfellow, who enjoyed a fine season a year ago despite a number of nagging injuries, put on some muscle during the off-season and is being counted on, as is nose guard Jessie Wallace. Junior safety Bobby Fuller replaces Pat Mathews.

On offense, the top returner is All-GSC quarterback Willie Tullis, who led the league in passing and total offense last year. With a 4.6 time in the 40 and tremendous strength, Tullis is considered one of the best athletes ever to play at Troy. Three experienced running backs return in John Anthony, Anthony Fowlkes, and Tank Summers. Junior split end Kelyn Murdock led in last year's pass receiving stats and, with his speed and sure hands, should once again be Tullis's favorite target.

Guard David Talley is the top returnee in the offensive line. Although small (5-11, 195), Talley was the most consistent performer on the 1979 offensive front. Tackle James Jones broke into the starting lineup at mid-season and Paul Morrison and Keith Johnson saw time last season. Center Randy Eberhart is also back.

Punter Mike Quinn returns for his senior year after averaging 38.8 last season. Rusty Adams handles the place-kicking chores.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Although big shoes must be filled off last year's Gulf South championship team which finished 10-3 and lost to NCAA Division II champ Delaware in the semi finals, coach John William's Choctaws are optimistic about winning consecutive league titles.

Lost from the backfield are Calvin Howard, an All-America selection who was one of the nation's top running backs with 1,401 yards. There are three top prospects for Howard's job in Daryl Posey (6-2, 204), Lawrence Jones (5-10, 171), and Alvin Kidd (6-0, 183), all sophomores. Vying for fullback are Major Everett (5-11, 181), a back-up last season, and James Knight (6-2, 190). Things are stable at quarterback with sophomore Steve Smith (6-2, 192) and Wade Pharis (6-2, 180) back after alternating as starters last year.

The lone returning starters in the offensive line is center Jimmy Price (6-1, 224), who missed the spring game with a broken leg. Top candidate for the interior line positions will be Robbie Mahaffey (6-2, 231). Carl Menist (6-2, 179) and Kenny Wright (5-11, 184) return at wide receiver, while Brent Wroten (6-0, 180), a starter at defensive back last year as a freshman, has been moved to tight end.

Defensively, the Chocs are in pretty good shape with 9 of 11 starters returning. Defensive starters are ends Elbert Lyles (6-1, 217) and Tracy Henry (6-0, 221), tackles Kenny Green (6-2, 245) and Vic Vickery (5-11, 217), nose guard Scott Chumbley (5-11, 218), linebacker Dennis Cato (6-3, 227), and cornerbacks Keith Rowell (6-0, 172) and Charles Selmon (5-11, 167). Lyles, Green, and Rowell are all All-GSC

selections.

The kicking game is sound with punter Larry Osbrink (6-3, 215), a two-year veteran, and placement specialist Jim Turcotte (5-10, 161).

NORTH ALABAMA Replacing 21 seniors who had a hand in leading the University of North Alabama football program to back-to-back winning campaigns for the first time in 24 years will be the job facing Lions' head coach Wayne Grubb.

Graduation severely hit the defensive unit, where both starting linebackers and three of four defensive backs must be replaced. Offensively Grubb must completely rebuild his offensive line and the fourth-year head coach is still searching for a leader at quarterback.

The Lions are not without their bright spots, however. Lawson Fletcher the Gulf South Conference's second-leading rusher last year with over 980 yards, returns for his junior season. Fletcher gained over 200 yards in one season. Other returning lettermen in the backfield include fullback Milton Taylor, tailback Emmanuel Young, and quarterbacks Rusty Towery and Chris Holt.

The receiver corps should be another strong point. Wide-out Jerry Hill has all the tools to be outstanding. The son of former NFL great Harlon Hill has exceptional speed and hands. Joining Hill are lettermen Ken Irons, Greg Burdine, and tight end James Gill.

Defensively, UNA returns defensive tackle Steve Carter and defensive end Ronnie Lewey, plus defensive back Ollie McGee, but from there the Lions lack the experience that is needed.

The kicking game should be in capable hands, since All-GSC place-kicker Nelson McMurrain and senior punter Guy Cox return for another year.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN With 32 lettermen returning, including nine offensive starters and seven defensive starters, coach Vester Newcomb enters his third year at the helm in hopes of getting the Pacers over their 5-5 finish of 1979.

Newcomb expects his quarterback slot to be improved with Tommy Overton, Jimmy Wash, and Tim McPherson and David Carter battling for the starting nod. Running back is well fortified with Bart Dilday Mike Ray, and Everette DeVeaux returning.

Freddie Hudson and Ricky Thomas will handle the split-end position, while the offensive line is expected to be stronger with Randy Warren and Billy McElroy (6-5, 226) at quick tackle, Buddy Tarver and Phil Fortune at quick guard, and Tony Lester (6-1, 230) and Bud Young (5-11, 236) at center.

Other interior linemen being counted on include Gary Hawkinson, Rex Hodges, Joe Connell, and Tim North and Barry Samples, with Kenny Williams and Don Bailey at tight end.

Defensively, the Pacers have 15 lettermen back, an area which has been traditionally tough for UTM. Top linemen include Matt Klaren, Jerome Johnson, Terry Meardith, George Heines (6-1, 246), and Perry Murphy. The linebackers are headed by Mike Chinn, Curtis Williams, Barry Joyce, and Jerry Young. In the secondary, the Pacers are counting on Jeff Dixon, Jerry Gamble, Dwayne McKinney, Billy Watkins, Russ Greer, and Roland McElrath. Mike Poteete returns to kick field goals and ex-

tra points and Mark Williams once again handles the punting.

DELTA STATE Replacing an entire offensive backfield poses the biggest problem for coach Johnny Plummer as his Statesmen begin 1980 action. Gone from last year's 4-6 team is quarterback Tony Bowen, who accounted for 50 percent (11) of Delta State's touchdowns last season. Steve Lyles, a junior-college transfer who was redshirted in 1979, is number one heading into the fall.

The Statesmen made position changes in the spring and Plummer feels they will help in getting Delta State over the .500 mark. Senior defensive tackle Joe Lowrey was moved to offensive guard, sophomore split end Des Ball to wide receiver, cornerback Wilbur Myers and wide receiver Jerry Turner to running back, RB Dicky May to strong safety.

Ball ranked third in receiving last season, catching 24 balls for 324 yards and four touchdowns, and was ranked tenth in the nation in punt returns (11.9 average). Running back is still a question mark, but Plummer is hoping Myers and Jody Wood can get the job done. Fullback Ricky Conerly missed the final two weeks of spring training due to illness, but the three-year letterman is expected to fill the bill this fall.

Delta State's offensive line will have more experience with the return of Ben Treloar and Steve Jones at the tackles and tight end Jeff Lynde. Center Steve Brown started the latter part of 1979 and is coming off a good spring.

Delta State lost six defensive starters, including three-time All-GSC strong safety Sam Killingsworth, but end Stu Gauntt and nose guard Danny Bell return, as does linebacker Ed Stanley. Cornerbacks Clifton Porter and Wayne Henry and free safety Donald Bennett return, along with Norman Beasley, a 1979 redshirt.

LIVINGSTON Head football coach Frank North will be able to call on 40 former letter winners and 12 transfers to anchor the 1980 edition of Livingston University football.

Jerry Thomas, a two-year starter, is back again at quarterback to direct the Tiger offense. He will be challenged by transfer Mickey Bently and Bobby Moore, who missed last season with an ankle injury. All-GSC running back Cedric Stevens is back for his senior campaign, along with Alvin Freeman.

Perhaps the most improved position for the Tigers during the spring was the offensive line, but it was also the position that needed the most work. Ronnie Ashley and Hubert Hurst appear set at tackles, while Gene Brown has nailed down the center slot. Rusty Fender will be at one guard while Wes Dixon and Richard Roush will battle it out for the other position.

All-league nose guard Willie Cameron and All-GSC cornerback Steve Birchfield head the Tiger defense, along with linebackers Curtis Coleman and Horace Bradley. Two senior lettermen, Ken Sanchez and Robert Peterson, will man the flanks for the Tiger defense. The battle for the tackle slot is still up for grabs, although Ken Williams and Ken Oglesby appear to be the front runners. Joining Birchfield in the secondary should be Tim Drinkard at the other corner, Bobby McCoy at free safety, and Bernard Jackson at strong safety. Fred Stickney and sophomore Jamey Hendrix should also challenge for a starting role.

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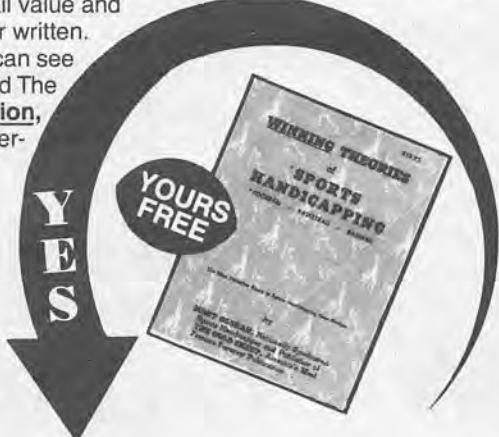
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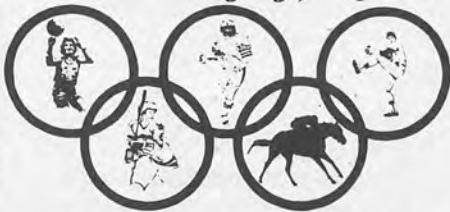
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THE DECADE'S BEST:

1970's all-americas

Jerry Claiborne's face flushed, his voice rang with enthusiasm. "College football has never been better than in the 1970's," he advised sports writers at the NCAA Football Preview. "It's the greatest game we've ever had."

The proclamation wasn't unexpected. And it was vulnerable to skeptics, because Jerry is head coach at the University of Maryland and 1980 president of the American Football Coaches Association.

But I'll buy his sentiment without reservation. I've covered big-time college football for 40 years and treated it as much as an avocation as a vocation. I agree it has steadily improved.

Apparently the fans have liked what they've seen, too, because NCAA attendance increased every year during the 1970's, except in 1974, when there was a slight—and unexplained—dip.

Nothing reinforced the belief more than doing research for the All-America Team for the decade of the 1970's, which is listed here. The number of great players who performed from 1970 through 1979—and helped create some great teams in the process—is overwhelming.

Reasons are varied and, in some cases, obvious: normal progression in coaching methods and fundamental techniques; proliferation of athletes with greater size, speed, and motivation (virtually every player dreams of capitalizing on his ability in the NFL).

To me, however, the single most significant development in the college football I've seen is the platoon system, originated by Michigan's Fritz Crisler.

That occurred in the mid-1940's, but never had it been so effectively specialized as in the 1970's. Not only did the offensive-most gifted athletes devote full time to offense and the most skilled defenders to defense, but utilization of talent extended to special teams: punting, punt receiving, kickoffs, kickoff receiving, place-kicks, place-kick rush, etc.

Players in the checker game were inserted for one play, or one defense on specific down or field location. It's difficult to imagine how personnel could be more efficiently employed in the 1980's.

Two developments of the 1970's have contributed immeasurably to the upsurge of college football.

One is the freshmen rule, passed in 1972. Where they had previously marked time their first year on campus, incoming freshmen became immediately eligible to play on varsity teams. They figured more prominently than most coaches ever anticipated. They beefed up the ranks everywhere.

Most of the post-1972 players on our All-America team of the 1970's either started or played a great deal as rookies. And they contributed for four years.

A second major development of the 1970's—some regard it as THE most important one—was the inauguration of extensive and intensive weight and running programs.

Sophisticated new weightlifting, muscle-building equipment caught on almost faddishly. Most schools hired a strength coach, who set up scientifically planned workout schedules and routines; not only in the weight room, which most schools had expanded, but in running, sprinting, agility and quickness drills as well.

by Paul Hornung

Since these programs continued year-round, football players in general had never been stronger, swifter, and more agile than in the late 1970's.

Much less recognized, because its effect didn't show directly on the gridiron, was the universal appearance of the "brain coach" (formally academic counselor). But he made a contribution, too, in reducing player losses through ineligibility.

While comparisons are inconclusive, it's doubtful if an all-star squad from any era could stay with the All-America team of the 1970's. A college coach would have no qualms about taking this group to a Super Bowl.

The backfield illustrates the point: double Heisman Trophy winner (only repeater in history) Archie Griffin of Ohio State, who set an NCAA rushing record of 5,589 yards; Tony Dorsett of Pitt, Heisman Trophy winner who broke Griffin's record with 6,084 yards; Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell of Texas, who set an all-time NFL rookie rushing record, and Bert Jones of LSU, whose distinguished college quarterbacking career was followed by selection in the first round of the NFL draft.

Such acknowledged greats as Billy Sims of Oklahoma, 1978 Heisman winner; Charlie White of USC, 1979 Heisman winner; John Cappelletti of Penn State, 1973 Heisman winner, and Jim Plunkett of Stanford, 1970 Heisman winner, comprised the second backfield.

Brilliant Lynn Swann of USC, the consummate split end, edged Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska, even though the latter averaged 13.8 yards per play, 30.3 yards per touchdown, and one TD for every nine plays during his career.

Notre Dame's awesome Dave Casper rated tight-end selection over Alabama's Ozzie Newsome, although the latter was rated by coach Bear Bryant as the best receiver he'd ever coached.

Competition was equally keen among linemen, but tackles Chris Ward of Ohio State and Jerry Sisemore of Texas, guards Brad Budde of USC and John Hannah of Alabama, and center Jim Ritcher of North Carolina State rated the nod.

Dorsett was the only unanimous first team choice on offense, as was his present Dallas Cowboys teammate Randy White, tackle from Maryland, on defense.

Lee Roy Selmon of Oklahoma was a near-unanimous choice at the tackle opposite White, while Ross Browner of Notre Dame and Hugh Green of Pitt rated the defensive end spots, with Rich Glover of Nebraska at middle guard.

Randy Gradishar of Ohio State and Jack Ham of Penn State were named top linebackers, with a secondary of Tommy Casanova of LSU, Jack Tatum of Ohio State, Brad Van Pelt of Michigan State, and Johnnie Johnson of Texas.

Every member of the first team appears on the NCAA's list of consensus All-Americas, meaning the player was selected on all four major AA teams in at least one season of his competition.

Obviously, picking 11 players—or even 22—from the 250-plus stars of college football of the 1970's came close to being impossible, if not perilous.

To diffuse the credit, or blame, I sought counsel from some qualified friends: Bryant, Joe Paterno of Penn State, Dan Devine of Notre Dame, Barry Switzer of Oklahoma, Earle Bruce of Ohio State, Bo Schembechler of Michigan, Lee Corso of Indiana, Lou Holtz of Arkansas, Johnny Majors of Ten-

Tennessee, former Ohio State coach Woody Hayes, former coaches-turned-TV analysts, Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame and Frank Broyles of Arkansas, ABC's voice of college football, Keith Jackson, and Dallas Cowboys super scout, Gil Brandt.

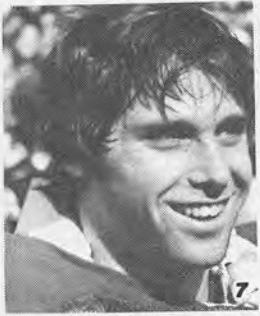
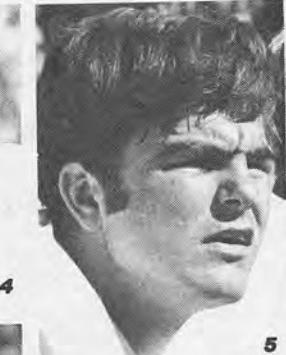
Nominations were made from a list including every player named on a recognized All-America team from 1970 through 1979. Other nominations were accepted, as well.

Picked on at least one ballot were 15 offensive ends, 16 tackles, 13 guards, 11 centers, 11 quarterbacks, 19 running backs, 14 defensive ends, 18 defensive tackles, 9 middle guards, 20 linebackers, and 32 defensive backs.

Players were evaluated on their college performances and contribution to their college teams alone, not on what they accomplished later as pros.

Inevitably, some outstanding players weren't even nominated; obviously, many outstanding players weren't picked. Not everybody is going to be happy with the final 11—or 22—and that includes our "consultants." None of their selections matched the final lineup man-for-man.

But I'm satisfied this honor team of the exciting 1970's needs no apologies. It was not picked on whim. Hail to the All-America team of the 1970's.



Galaxy of stars:
(1) Pitt's Tony Dorsett, (2) Texas's Earl Campbell, (3) Randy White of Maryland, (4) USC's Brad Budde, (5) Texas's Jerry Sisemore, (6) Randy Gradishar of Ohio State, (7) Jim Ritcher of N.C. State, (8) Notre Dame's Ross Browner, (9) Lee Roy Selmon of Oklahoma, (10) Johnnie Johnson of Texas, (11) Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers.

the best of the 1970's



OFFENSE

First Team

Pos	Player	School	All-America Year
SE	Lynn Swann	USC	1973
TE	Dave Casper	Notre Dame	1973
T	Chris Ward	Ohio State	1976-77
T	Jerry Sisemore	Texas	1971-72
G	Brad Budde	USC	1979
G	John Hannah	Alabama	1972
C	Jim Ritcher	N.C. State	1978-79
QB	Bert Jones	LSU	1972
RB	Tony Dorsett	Pittsburgh	1975-76
RB	Earl Campbell	Texas	1975-77
RB	Archie Griffin	Ohio State	1974-75

Second Team

SE	Johnny Rodgers	Nebraska	1971-72
TE	Ozzie Newsome	Alabama	1977-78
T	John Hicks	Ohio State	1973-75
T	Dan Dierdorf	Michigan	1970
G	Greg Roberts	Oklahoma	1978
G	Reggie McKenzie	Michigan	1971
C	Tom Brahaney	Oklahoma	1971-72
QB	Jim Plunkett	Stanford	1970
RB	Billy Sims	Oklahoma	1978-79
RB	Charles White	USC	1979
RB	John Cappelletti	Penn State	1973

HONORABLE MENTION

E—John Jefferson (Arizona St.), Tom Gatewood (Notre Dame), Junior Miller (Nebraska), Charles Young (USC), Elmo Wright (Houston), Terry Beasley (Auburn), Ken McAfee (Notre Dame), Jim Smith (Michigan), Jan White (Ohio St.), Kellen Winslow (Missouri), Emanuel Tolbert (SMU).

T—Marvin Powell (USC), Mike Vaughn (Oklahoma), Kelvin Clark (Nebraska), John Hannah (Alabama), Keith Dorney (Penn St.), John Vella (USC), Greg Kolden (Arkansas), Paul Seymour (Michigan), Dennis Lick (Wisconsin), Marvin Crenshaw (Nebraska), Dave Joyner (Penn St.), Kurt Schumacher (Ohio St.).

G—Larry DiNardo (Notre Dame), Tom Rafferty (Penn St.), Leotis Harris (Arkansas), Mark Donahue (Michigan), Royce Smith (Georgia), Ken Fritz (Ohio St.), Buddy Brown (Alabama), Pat Howell (USC), Chip Kell (Tennessee).

C—Tom DeLeone (Ohio St.), Rick Bonness (Nebraska), Mike Webster (Wisconsin), Dave Hoffman (Notre Dame), Dwight Stephenson (Alabama), Bill Wyman (Texas).

QB—Rick Leach (Michigan), Art Schlichter (Ohio St.), Joe Theismann (Notre Dame), Tommy Kramer (Rice), Pat Sullivan (Auburn), Tom Clements (Notre Dame), Marc Wilson (Brigham Young), Chuck Fusina (Penn St.), Steve Bartkowski (California).

RB—Greg Pruitt (Oklahoma), Anthony Davis (USC), Ricky Bell (USC), Joe Washington (Oklahoma), Rob Little (Michigan), Lydell Mitchell (Penn St.), Sam Cunningham (USC), Terry Miller (Oklahoma St.), Ted Brown (N. Carolina St.), Vagas Ferguson (Notre Dame), Chuck Muncie (California), Johnny Musso (Alabama).

Archie Griffin is the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy. He rushed for 5,589 yards at Ohio State.

DEFENSE

First Team

Pos	Player	School	All-America Year
E	Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1976-77
E	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1978-79
T	Randy White	Maryland	1974
T	Lee Roy Selmon	Oklahoma	1975
MG	Rich Glover	Nebraska	1972
LB	Randy Gradishar	Ohio State	1972-73
LB	Jack Ham	Penn State	1970
DB	Tommy Casanova	LSU	1970-71
DB	Jack Tatum	Ohio State	1970
DB	Brad Van Pelt	Michigan St.	1971-72
DB	Johnnie Johnson	Texas	1978-79

Second Team

E	Bob Brudzinski	Ohio State	1976
E	Willie Harper	Nebraska	1971-72
T	Bruce Clark	Penn State	1978
T	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1976
MG	Jim Stillwagon	Ohio State	1970
LB	Jerry Robinson	UCLA	1976-77-78
LB	Rod Shoate	Oklahoma	1974
DB	Tim Fox	Ohio State	1975
DB	Dave Elmendorf	Texas A&M	1970
DB	Kenny Easley	UCLA	1978-79
DB	Mike Haynes	Arizona State	1975

HONORABLE MENTION

E—Jack Youngblood (Florida), John Dutton (Nebraska), Art Still (Kentucky), Leroy Cook (Alabama), Walt Patulski (Notre Dame), Van DeCree (Ohio St.), Jim Stuckey (Clemson), Brad Shearer (Texas), Charlie Weaver (USC), Jim Erod (Oklahoma).

T—Marty Lyons (Alabama), Sherman White (California), Mike Hartenstein (Penn St.), Dave Butts (Purdue), Dick Bumpus (Arkansas), Dan Hampton (Arkansas), Dave Gallagher (Michigan), Joe Ehrmann (Syracuse), Steve Niehaus (Notre Dame), Gary Jeter (USC), John Dutton (Nebraska).

MG—Louie Kelcher (SMU), Ron Simmons (Florida St.), Henry Hill (Michigan), Dewey Selmon (Oklahoma), Rubin Carter (Miami), Gary Burley (Pittsburgh); Lucius Selmon (Oklahoma).

LB—Tom Cousineau (Ohio St.), Ron Simpkins (Michigan), George Cumby (Oklahoma), John Mitchell (Alabama), Jeff Siemon (Stanford), Richard Wood (USC), Greg Buttle (Penn St.), Ed Simonini (Texas A&M), Woody Lowe (Alabama), Greg Collins (Notre Dame), Jackie Walker (Tennessee), Tom Jackson (Louisville), Bob Bruenig (Arizona St.), Matt Blair (Iowa St.), John Skorupan (Penn St.), Robert Jacobson (Texas A&M), Bob Golic (Notre Dame).

DB—Luther Bradley (Notre Dame), Thom Darden (Michigan), Dave Brown (Michigan), Cullen Bryant (Colorado), Dennis Thurman (USC), Don Dufek (Michigan), Pat Thomas (Texas A&M), Randy Hughes (Oklahoma), Bob Jury (Pittsburgh), Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame), Randy Logan (Michigan), Neal Colzie (Ohio St.), Mike Sensibaugh (Ohio St.), Bobby Majors (Tennessee), Dave Butterfield (Nebraska), Chet Moeller (Navy), Charles Phillips (USC), Randy Rhino (Georgia Tech), Zac Henderson (Oklahoma), Mike Washington (Alabama), Tommy Myers (Syracuse), Artimis Parker (USC).

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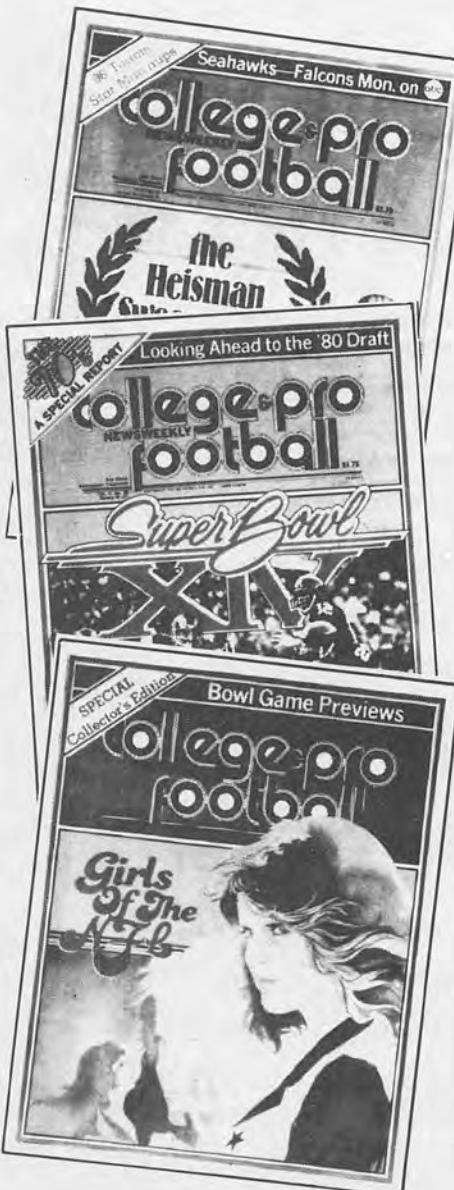
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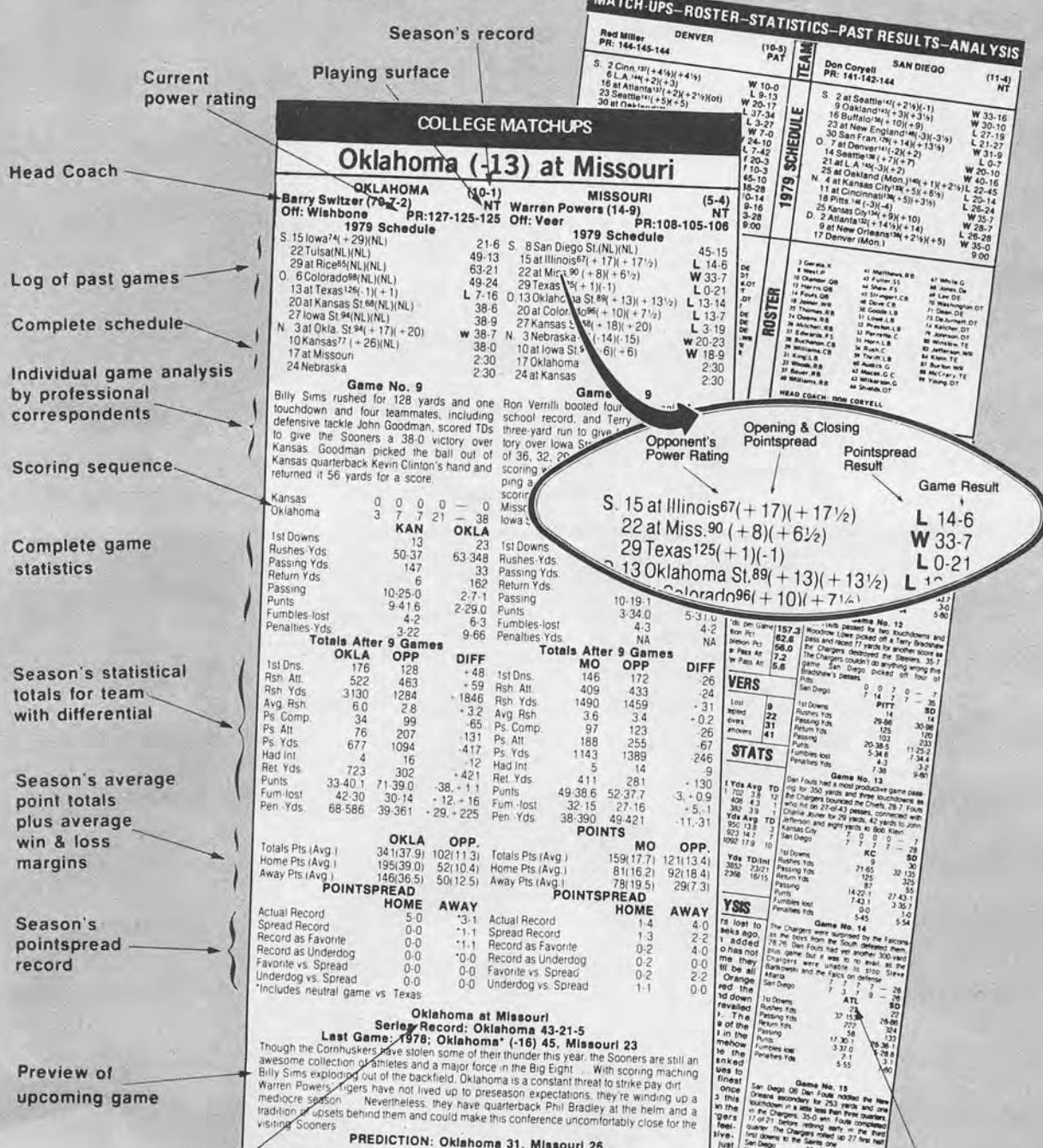
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by SMITH BARRIER

When Dick Crum arrived on the Chapel Hill campus two football seasons ago, he seemed to be just another outstanding professor coming to the faculty. He wore glasses, dark suits. He told very few stories, and football was strictly a business, like another classroom. He looked too professorial to be a football coach.

After a 5-6 season for beginners, some of the North Carolina Tar Heel fans, who can be outspoken, said some of the things in that opening paragraph.

But then came the second season and a Gator Bowl victory over the Big Ten's Michigan, and all of a sudden here was a Dick Crum who looked like a football coach, and more importantly, who put together a team like a good football coach.

It was an interesting season, not all peaks by any means. But the Tar Heels appear solid enough to carry over for Crum's third season in Chapel Hill, this time bringing the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, if preseason predictions mean anything at all.

Crum looks at those two seasons, so totally different: "We've made progress, especially in... intensity. Some of the adjustment problems we encountered the first year were a result of the fact that my way of promoting intensity was different from that in the past at Chapel Hill. I couldn't accept music blaring and players laughing and jiving in the locker room before a game. I believe in concentration on the job at hand."

The Tar Heels began strong in 1979, beating a very good Pittsburgh club. But then running star Amos Lawrence developed an assortment of injuries and the Tar Heels lost three of five games in the middle of the schedule. This eliminated them from the ACC championship run, eventually claimed by North Carolina State under the late Bo Rein. By this time the Gator Bowl was seeking somebody to play Big Ten runner-up Michigan... and picked North Carolina. That's North Carolina which finished fifth in the ACC standings.

The Tar Heels went to Jacksonville with some things to be proved. Coach Crum explained one of them: "The negativism of some of the coverage we received helped our players get into the right frame of mind. I don't think the Gator Bowl game necessarily indicates anything about Michigan and the Big Ten, but it does indicate that the ACC plays very good football. I think we proved it is just as good a football conference as it is in basketball."

That had to be said.

But then senior quarterback Matt Kupec gave another viewpoint from the Tar Heel angle, since North Carolina had been to six bowls during the seventies but had won only once. Kupec had been involved in the latest, an early lead over a strong Nebraska team in the Liberty Bowl, only to lose in the final minutes. Kupec analyzed, "We held our own against Nebraska, but we didn't beat them. So we felt we still had a lot to prove against Michigan. This time we not only held our own, we won."

That is the serious, businesslike approach coach Crum and his staff take, and the football squad joined in to beat Michigan, 17-15, an important milestone in ACC football which provides several bowl teams annually and wins more than ever.

With Lawrence to run again, with three consecutive years of 1,000 yards or more (only Tony Dorsett has had four), the Tar Heel offense will be bright and exciting. Coach Crum says his big guard, Ron Wooten, is "the best linemen in college football."

Of course, Kupec is gone, and that brings the Tar Heels a step toward the rest of the ACC when it comes to playing out the fall schedule. Just behind North Carolina are Maryland and Clemson, the former with personnel coming from Jerry Claiborne's always filled bench, the latter seeking a new quarterback for the second straight year. Coach Danny Ford just hopes he makes the right call again.

Wake Forest was the surprise of the league in 1979. The Deacons won eight games and went to the Tangerine Bowl. Young John Mackovic was ACC coach of the year, and his quarterback, Jay Venuto, was conference player of the year. And remember, please, Jay Venuto did not take a single snap from center the previous season. The Deacons, of course, will surprise nobody this time, because

everybody's waiting. Thus Wake Forest, Virginia, and N.C. State are bracketed together as second line challengers. And Duke, still rebuilding, follows. Georgia Tech does not compete for the ACC football title until 1983 probably.

UT Chattanooga seeks a fourth straight Southern Conference championship (two shared), and new coach Bill Oliver, from the Bear Bryant School, has the strongest team, physically, in the league. Among the independents South Carolina gets the call where Jim Carlen has the potential as well as runner George Rogers, called by his coach "the best football player in America."

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference adds Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman, while Maryland-Eastern Shore dropped football. There's a battle between South Carolina State and Morgan State predicted again. The CIAA should be Norfolk State and Virginia Union. Grambling once again gets the call for the SWAC. Presbyterian is named to repeat in the South Atlantic.

Bill Oliver is not the only new coach in the territory, although he may have the best team among the newcomers. In the ACC Monte Kiffin is at N.C. State, replacing Bo Rein who was killed in an ill-fated plane crash just after accepting the LSU job. There is also Bill Curry returning to his alma mater, Georgia Tech. Mike Working left the Wake Forest staff to become head coach at Appalachian. Among the independents Ed Emory is at East Carolina, Jimmie Laycock at William & Mary, Dal Shealy at Richmond. The first two are alumni.

There are candidates for season-end awards. South Carolina's George Rogers and North Carolina's Amos Lawrence rank with the best runners, and running backs seem to have a monopoly on the Heisman. North Carolina directs the Outland attention to offensive guard Ron Wooten. Jim Ritter of N.C. State won the 1979 Outland.

Other All-Americans include: David Sims, punter, and Steve Durham, DT, Clemson; Wayne Baumgardner, WR, Wake Forest; Charlie Wysocki, RB, Maryland; Nathan Ritter, PK, N.C. State; Tom Vigorito, RB, Virginia; Mike Kelley, QB, Georgia Tech; Gerald Harp, WR, Western Carolina; Joe Burke, WR, Chattanooga; Rick Beasley, WR, Appalachian; and Robert Parham, RB, Grambling.

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1. South Carolina, 2. Virginia Tech,
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1. South Carolina State, 2. Morgan State,
3. Florida A&M, 4. Bethune-Cookman,
5. North Carolina A&T 6. Howard
7. Delaware State

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11. Livingstone, 12. St. Paul's

NORTH CAROLINA (3-3-0, 8-3-1) Coming off the victory over Michigan in the Gator Bowl, the Tar Heels have talent, experience, depth, and ambitions toward the top ten. Coach Dick Crum, ever cautious, might share that enthusiasm inwardly, but it ends there. He seeks a quarterback for the offense, which has Amos Lawrence to run and a strong line to block. The attack led the conference in scoring last fall (24.8 ppg). But the Tar Heel defense had some lapses in mid-season, and Crum talks about the lack of consistency. Eight of the defensive regulars return, among them safety Steve

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Streater, who also punts. It was his punting that kept Pittsburgh bottled up all afternoon.

Quarterback is a definite problem, based on experience. In the multiple offense, using both the I and the Veer, junior Chuck Sharpe has the most experience, basically because he had to start five games as a freshman due to Matt Kupec's injury. But Soph Rod Elkins has come on strong and is probably the better passer. At least at the beginning they will alternate. Billy Johnson (6-4, 245) hopes to dodge injury at fullback, where he ran 265 yards as back-up. Tailback Lawrence can do anything. He has the most yards of any active player. He's backed by speedy Kelvin Bryant, shoulder separation in third game last fall. Receivers include Shelton Robinson, Mike Chatham (not a starter, but All-ACC with eight TD catches), and Wayne Tucker. The line is outstanding: Ron Wooten, guard (6-4, 260), Mike Marr, tackle (6-4, 245), and center Rick Donnelly (6-2, 248).

The defense found itself in late season and finished off Michigan. Crum gazes ahead: "Our defense must be solid. You win championships with good defensive teams, and I think this unit has a lot of possibilities." It's missing two All-ACC performers, but there is both balance and depth.

Only newcomer up front will be Paul Davis at the nose guard, playing between tackles Donnell Thompson (6-5, 270) and John Brugos (6-2, 238). Ends, or outside linebackers, whichever, return in Lawrence Taylor (6-3, 237) and Calvin Daniels (6-3, 231). Linebacker Darrell Nicholson (6-2, 235) was ACC rookie of the year in 1978, and the secondary has three regulars: Streeter, Larry Winters, and David Singleton. That adds junior Bill Jackson at the strong safety. The other inside linebacker may fall to either Kris Keeney, Lee Shaffer, Chris Ward, or Rocky White. There is one thing about year-old statistics, however. The Tar Heels ended up dead last in ACC passing defense, although it also had the most interceptions. Coach Crum reads that several ways.

MARYLAND (4-2-0, 7-4-0) When coach Jerry Claiborne writes his book, 1979 will have a special chapter, probably labeled "Blue Cross Blues." Before the season began, the Terps lost All-ACC defensive back Lloyd Burruss. Tight end Eric Sievers was hurt the first game,

Maryland coach Jerry Claiborne returns a deep team for coming year.

defensive guard Marlin Van Horn the second Saturday. All were pre-season All-ACC. Claiborne knew it couldn't get worse, but it did. Before the season was over, a surprising 7-4, 41 different players had started at one time or another. Thus, a lot of Terps got experience—and 29 of these "starters" return this season. There are 43 lettermen, and except for the offensive guards and quick tackle, it is the continuing Maryland story of depth. Undoubtedly the injury story helped write the unusual season record: win the first three, lose the next four, win the last four. The Terrapins want to add to the last portion of that triangle.

Terrapin pass defense led the ACC a year ago, placed fourth nationally, in addition to finishing number eight in national total defense. On Claiborne's six-front are experienced starters in Brad Senft and Pete Glamp, ends; Ed Gall, Mark Duda and Todd Benson, tackles; Greg Vanderhout, Mike Corvino, and Todd Wright, guards. In addition, there's veteran Van Horn at guard. Darnell Dailey and Joe Wilkins are linebackers, while Ralph Lary, who led the ACC with seven interceptions, sparks the secondary with Sam Johnson and Steve Trimble. Plus Burruss, injured in pre-season practice. He does return: in spring game he blocked field goals back to back. It is a strong and veteran defense, with depth.

Spring work put emphasis on the passing game, but when it concluded, Claiborne moaned: "We have some good arms but everybody throws the ball too high. It will be up to them to do something about it at home this summer." Mike Tice, resident QB, got 897 yards passing a year ago, hitting 75 of 154, whereas junior Bob Milkovich threw only 52 times, hitting 19 for 248 yards. The top two receivers, Jan Carinci and Mike Lewis, totalled 541 yards last fall, and they are back. So is veteran Eric Sievers at tight end, 1978 starter out with injury since.

Charlie Wysocki took over at tailback for the Terps a year ago and became All-ACC. His 1,140 yards were the second-highest ever for the Terps, and his 126.7 yards per game the best ever. He will run with Rick Fasano again at fullback. But it is the offensive line where the

Terps lack the experience. There are only four lettermen in the interior line, and only two of them have ever started a game. That's unusual with the big list last season. Kyle Lorton started at center, Scott Fanz at strong tackle, while soph Dave Pacella made a letter at guard. But the place-kicking is in good hands, er, feet, that is. Dale Castro was All-America, setting an NCAA record with 16 consecutive field goals. He scored 70 points, and he is a major Terrapin in the coming plans.

CLEMSON (4-2-0, 8-4-0) When young Danny Ford began his first full season as Tiger head coach, he had to replace a lot of regulars off the Gator Bowl team that beat Ohio State. Now he's got the same situation, but Ford explains the difference: "We didn't have a lot of experience last year, and we will be even more limited this season. Last year we had a lot of people come on for us that many had not heard of before, but many of those were seniors who had played behind some pretty good people. This time we count on a lot of youth. We don't have a senior returning letterman on our offensive unit, and there aren't that many on the defense." Thus the Tiger problem is expounded, despite the presence of several true stars, and it appears, at an early date, the Clemson defense will have to dig in and hold things.

It is the backbone of a defense that ranked number three in national scoring defense last year, as well as number seven in total defense. The Tigers did the best job in the ACC, and they added a punting performance that was number four nationally in net yards (kick length minus return yards, 41.0 yards net). Seven starters return. It is a solid unit. Senior Steve Durham (6-5, 240) returns as All-ACC tackle, teaming with Jeff Bryant, alternate at both tackles last year, while Charlie Bauman holds guard, challenged by soph James Robinson (6-5, 275).

Clemson's David Sims was the country's 4th leading punter (43.9).



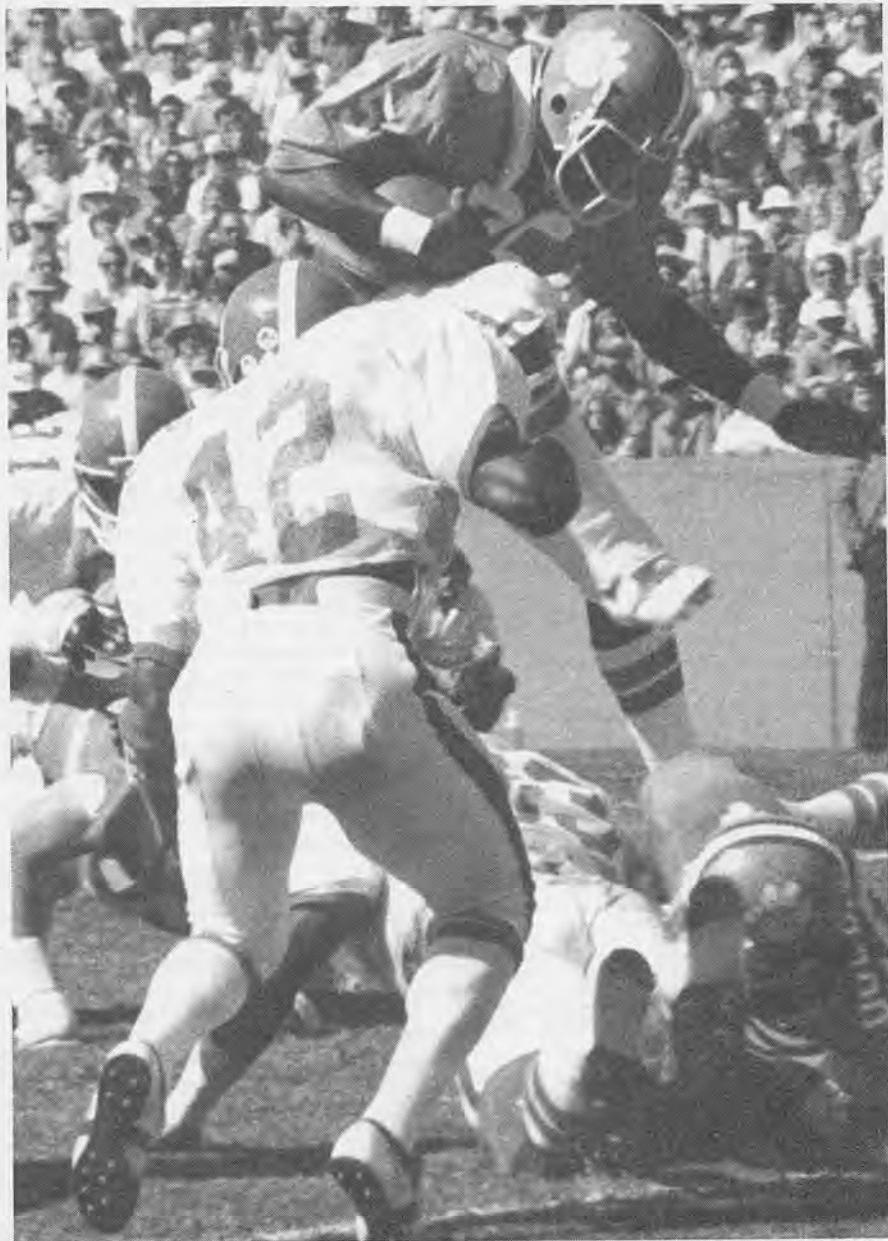
Regular Ray Brown works with Joe Glenn at ends, and future star Jeff Davis, number two in team tackles, teams with Chuck Rose as linebacker. Three starters are in the secondary: Eddie Geathers, Willie Underwood, and Terry Kinard, whose interception clinched the win at Notre Dame.

Kicking is certainly a Tiger growl worth listening to, maybe the best combination in the country. David Sims ranked number four nationally with a 43.9 yard average, 19 punts over 50 yards. And there is Nigerian Obed Ariri place-kicking, soccer-style, naturally. He played both sports last fall, getting 17 goals as Clemson went to the NCAA soccer finals, and then adding 62 points in football—where he is the school's all-time leading scorer.

That brings the picture to the offense, and coach Ford must first settle on a quarterback. The whole backfield is gone, although ACC rookie of the year Chuck McSwain (4.7 average, 443 yards total) will be at tailback, where he started three games. Jeff McCall and Cliff Austin, out with a bad knee, pair up at fullback. The receivers return talented Perry Tuttle (who caught the Tigers' four TD passes) and Jerry Gaillard. But the QB? Homer Jordan saw limited back-up action, Mike Gasque was red-shirted, but it's possible soph Andy Headen (6-5, 195), moved from the secondary, will be number one. Regular tackles Gary Brown (6-3, 257) and Lee Nanney (6-4, 246) pace the line with guards Brad Fisher and Bob Mayberry, center Tony Berryhill, and tight end Bill Smith, a 1978 letterman out with an injury. The chief mechanic will have to work on this Ford offense, and a tough defense may be able to stall for time.

WAKE FOREST (4-2-0, 8-4-0) There's an "O" in John, and there's an "O" in Mackovic, and they both stand for "offense." Wake Forest, coached by John Mackovic, surprised a lot of teams last season en route to eight victories for only the second time in the school's long football history. Wake Forest went to the Tangerine Bowl, ending a long famine. The Deacons were exciting, and they could score. As promised, Mackovic's offense was 50-50, or almost. They ran the ball 490 times, passed 405, which is about as balanced as anybody in the nation—and winning, that is. Back from this Deacon team are 34 lettermen, including 15 starters (eight on defense). The throwing bunch is ready again, but missing are the runners, who did their legwork just enough to keep the defense honest. That will be a Mackovic challenge this second time around. Mackovic reasons this way: "The 1979 season was a nice memory, but we have to line up and do it all over again."

Jay Venuto is ready to do it again. He enjoyed the experience. The previous year, he didn't throw the ball a single time. Then he earned Mackovic's first call in the spring, and 1979 saw him ACC player of the year: 208 completions for an ACC record 2,597 yards and 17 TD's. He was fantastic. But in the offseason the senior had surgery to remove bone chips from his throwing elbow, and he missed the entire spring workout. Quarterbacks for that were soph Gary Schofield, who comes as the top back-up, and soph Brent Offenbecher. They have three outstanding receivers: All-ACC Wayne Baumgardner (61 catches, 1,128 yards), tight



Clemson tailback Chuck McSwain was ACC rookie of the year while linebacker Jeff Davis (# 45 below) was 2nd in tackles for Tigers.



end Mike Mullen (33 for 380 yards) and Kenny Duckett (20 for 378 yards). The Deacs can throw, but can they run? Carlos Cunningham, Henderson Threatt, and Robert Johnson tallied 40 carries last fall.

There is experience in the interior line, where senior center Steve Truitt and senior guard Bill Ard return with junior tackle Richard Baldinger (6-4, 250). Sophomores figure at the other two spots: Les Tripp and Greg Brown at one guard, LaVerne Jones and Ward Cridland at tackle.

The defense gave up a lot of points a year ago, but it could spare them. Venuto was pitching points, too. Eight regulars return, including Derek Crocker, Lewis Owens, and Landon King in the secondary, where, by the end of the season, sophomore Eddie Green was also starting. Senior Carlos Bradley, number one in team tackles, and junior Joel Triplett are linebackers. Returning ends are Mike Wisher and Eddie Yarnell; tackles are Dwayne Crayton and Alex Brown. There's a wide-open scrap for the nose guard vacated by All-ACC James Parker. No opponent was held to fewer than two touchdowns last fall, thrice the other side got into the thirties. That's going to need some tightening up.

VIRGINIA (2-4-0, 6-5-0) Dick Bestwick works so very hard. His Cavaliers came up with a 6-5 mark last fall, which was their first winning football record in 11 years. With 39 lettermen returning, including ten starters off the offensive units, he naturally exudes optimism, not just because of those aforementioned numbers, but for another reason he outlines: "The people coming to Virginia now are a whole lot bigger, stronger, and faster than they used to be. We have come a long way in four years." They had three players All-ACC, one of whom returns: running back Tommy Vigorito, a talented senior whether running the Veer or the I-formation, which Bestwick may change to, and for good reason. The Cavaliers lost five of the top six receivers.

Vigorito's ability to get ground yards did cause a slight change in the coming season plans. The stocky senior added up 1,044 yards with a 5.8 average last fall, making all-conference and becoming only the third UVA runner to total the thousand. Behind him will be David Hall, just 165 pounds but slippery, and sophomore Quentin Walker. The other ball carrier in the Veer, Greg Taylor, who averaged 5.6 yards in getting 933 total and was a long TD specialist, got a spring try at wide receiver, but nobody could get the football to him in the spring alumni game.

This takes the finger to the QB, returning Todd Kirtley who hit 88 of 178 passes for 1,159 yards and kept the Veer activated. There will be sophomores at tight end and receiver, if Taylor does not stay: Erick Polfert and Cole Egan. Seniors build the interior line: center Brian Musselman, guard Kurt Pierce and Dan McKilligan, along with returning tackles Ron Kort and Mike Sewak. Says Bestwick: "We have five youngsters who, in my estimation, are among the best at their offensive positions in the ACC."

Virginia was second only to Clemson in scoring defense in the conference, and six regulars off that unit are available. Stuart Anderson (6-2, 220) led the team in tackles last fall, off his defensive tackle spot, where he now teams with sophomore Dave Sullivan (6-8, 250). Three-year starter Quentin Murray is at end with junior

Keith Lee. Linebackers are experienced, Bryan Holoman, Ken Newsome, and Jim Hyson, but Bryan Shumock, who used to be a freshman quarterback, is the sole survivor of the secondary. Helping now are Pat Chester, Sean McCall, Darryl Smith, and Jon Tenuta. The challenge is set in marble: back-to-back winning seasons.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (5-1-0, 7-4-0)

It was a winter totally unanticipated by the Wolfpack family. First, the pack won the ACC football championship and didn't get a bowl bid. Unusual. Then, coach Bo Rein took the LSU job, and 28 days later Bo died in a mysterious plane crash into the Atlantic. Hired was Monte Kiffin off the Arkansas staff. It was obvious Jim Ritcher wouldn't be there, nor would Scott Smith the QB. Early on, Kiffin reasoned: "We're like a baseball team that's lost its pitcher, catcher, and center fielder. We're not very strong down the middle." So, the Wolfpack rebuilds, first trying to settle on the QB, realizing a strong and deep running corps, and figuring just how often Nathan Ritter will be called on. The little place-kicker has an amazing accuracy. Getting 54 points last fall, he hit 33 or 34 points-after and seven of nine field goal tries.

Defensively, the test will be experience because only four regulars return, only one in the front five. He is end David Hornung, to be joined by James Butler and Rick Etheridge. Bubba Green, dodging the injury haunt, tops the tackles with his 6-4, 260 frame, which is more like a house than just a frame. Junior Dennis Owens moved up as middle guard. Robert Abraham returns as linebacker, teaming with Neal Musser, while the secondary again has Donnie LeGrande, number one in tackles, and Eric Williams, interception leader. Advancing will probably be Nat Brown and Perry Williams.

Spring drills established sophomore Tol Avery as the quarterback. Said Kiffin: "He showed a lot of poise, good execution, and established himself as our number one quarterback going into fall practice." But there will be considerable competition for the position where only sophomore Darnell Johnson played much behind Scott Smith. Johnson, fact is, threw the ball only ten times, but had seven completions and two interceptions. Yet another sophomore, Ron Laraway, counts himself in the QB picture.

Running backs are abundant. Dwight Sullivan, top rusher with 665 yards and 4.4 average, retains his tailback position, to be shared with Wayne McLean (345 yards, 4.5 average), Andre Marks, Chris Brown, and Larmont Lawson in the Veer lineup. There are excellent receivers as well: Mike Quick, tops with 30 catches for 524 yards and four TD's; Lin Dawson, tight end with 15 for 201 yards; and Curtis Rein. Sullivan, the runner, also had ten catches. Regular tackles return, Chris Carr (6-7, 260) and Chris Koehne (6-6, 249), while Doug Howard, Phil Piurkowski, and Ernest Butler vie at guard, and Frank Sisto and Jeff Nyce at center. The Wolfpack has balance, a new coach who is ready to go, and Nathan Ritter.

DUKE (0-6-0, 2-8-1) The Blue Devils have a considerable amount of items to overcome. Few things went right a year ago. For the first time ever Duke failed to win a conference game, and the Blue Devils placed last in ACC

total offense and total defense. Therefore, effervescent coach Red Wilson had a major challenge built in for his second season. Offensively, he hired Steve Spurrier, of Heisman fame, to install a pass-oriented power I, and Wilson is fully committed: "We plan to be a throwing team. We will throw it in almost any situation." Then he saw the defensive figures, a season when the opposition was held to two touchdowns or fewer only two Saturdays. They allowed 24 points a game, another one of those unwanted cellar positions in the ACC.

So, the power I comes in with a new backfield, or an almost inexperienced one. Sophomore Greg Boone, who finished strong last November, is the fullback, while senior A.J. Trollinger, who didn't carry the ball once last fall, is the tailback. Quarterback will be split, apparently, between junior Craig Browning, fighting injuries to pass for 331 yards and rush for 114 more, and sophomore Brent Clinkscales (6-4, 195), who also came on late.

The offensive line has some experience, especially at tackle with regulars Greg Bamberg and Jim Colantuoni, backed up by sophomore Tim Bumgarner. Senior Paul Brown and Jay Belosky are the guards, sophomore Tee Moorman the top center. John Brinkman returns as split end, backed by Mike Fuqua, while the top receivers will again be Ron Frederick and Cedric Jones, along with senior Marvin Brown, who had an excellent season with his receiving maneuvers.

Even the experienced personnel on defense will get a second look, seeking to put some bite into the Blue Devil game. Five of the front seven return, but Dennis Tabron is the only man in the secondary with experience. Tabron is joined by three senior reserves: Ed Brown, Paul Jenkins,

Wake Forest's QB Jay Venuto was ACC player of the year in 1979. WR Kenny Duckett (# 1 right).



and Gary Garstkiewicz. Jimmy Tyson and Craig Brown return as linebackers, battling sophomore Emmett Tilley. Only one spot, Charles Bowser at one of the ends, does not have a returning regular. Strength possibly lies at the tackle, filled by Paul Heinsohn (6-6, 245) and F.A. Martin (6-2, 245), along with end Larry LeNoir and middle guard Dan Yellott. It must be remembered: the Blue Devils are still rebuilding.

GEORGIA TECH (0-0, 4-6-1) Pepper Rodgers went to the air and didn't win, and Georgia Tech called on another alum for the football assignment. Bill Curry, class of '65, begins his duties this season. He looked at the team scrimmage stats, read 414 rushing plays and 307 passing attempts, and promptly said, "We're going to run the football. That doesn't mean we're going to be great, but when people line up against us, they're going to know we're going to run the football and run it hard." Well and good, but the Jackets' personnel is air-minded, and the very first ball game is at Alabama, which leaves a minimum amount of time to adjust. But coach Curry does have experience on both units, and once by 'Bama, there's an open date and some time to breathe.

The offense has talented Mike Kelley (6-4, 187) at the quarterback slot, just a junior but in his third season as starter. He ran the ball 99 times last fall, but only out of necessity, because he was hitting 149 of 300 passes for 2,051 yards and 10 touchdowns—every item a Georgia Tech record. What's more, his top four receivers are still waiting with outstretched hands, each with at least 23 receptions: Kris Kentera (25 for 526 yards, four TD's), Leon Chadwick (25 for 355 yards, three TD's), Marion Heggs (25 for 275 yards, one TD). There is the temptation to throw the ball.

Heading the running backs is soph Ronny Cone, who rushed 617 yards for 4.9 per carry, and at fullback are Dan Wood and David Allen.

Chadwick, now a wide receiver, also had some rushes a year ago. While seven regulars return to the offense, tops up front will be guard Ben Utt (6-5, 233) and tackle David Lutz (6-6, 258). Maybe the offense can get some more touchdowns. Place-kicker Johnny Smith had a perfect PAT record, but it was only 17 for 17 (plus seven field goals for a team-leading 38 points). Tech was last in the ACC in scoring offense.

Defensively, there must be some improvement, but there are seven starters on this unit also, and there's also the return of defensive end Marvin Dyett (6-4, 242), fully recovered from knee surgery late in the season. Experienced people up front include end Rick Olive (6-5, 246) and nose guard Ivey Stokes (5-11, 214). Linebacker Lance Skelton is being called a key defensive man in the South, and the Jackets' secondary might include Kevin Schmidt, Ken Taylor and Mark Sheffield. Forget the opener with Alabama, and just look toward the remaining ten games in Bill Curry's first year as a head coach.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

UT-CHATTANOOGA (5-1-0, 9-2-0) The Mocs have been in the Southern Conference for three football seasons—and never finished below first place. Coach Bill Oliver, in his first season, naturally talks about going for four. He's all worked up about the offense, retaining the Veer although he comes fresh off the Alabama Wishbone staff. But among the 48 returning lettermen, eight starters came from the offensive unit that ranked number one in the league: total offense, rushing, and scoring. Fact is, the Moc defense is just as balanced, except maybe in the secondary, and coach Oliver finds himself saying that his biggest problem is getting a punter. The rest of the conference bleeds for him.

The offense can move it, really. It churned

out 412.6 yards per game last fall, and it was engineered by junior QB Steve Woods, who came on at midseason, took over the Mocs for five games—and won four of them. He had 1,203 yards throwing, plus ten TD's, equally split between wide receiver Joe Burke, one of the nation's most talented (26 catches, 581 yards), and tight end Ed Stanford (6-2, 220) with 19 catches for 421 yards. Both running backs will break the SC career rushing mark: Gwain Durden, All-SC, 885 yards for 7.8 average; Mike Smith, 928 yards, 5.1 average; and back-up Tony Ball, 499 yards, 5.9 average. Huge, as well as mobile, is the line in front: center Robert Lee (6-2, 235), guards Russ Ehrenfeld (6-3, 235) and Malcolm Carson (6-3, 235), tackles Curtis Rouse (6-3, 260) and Doug Patterson (6-4, 250).

Three regulars bolster the defensive line, headed by twice All-SC tackle Jacob Burney (6-1, 240) and Tim Franklin. Moving up at ends are Joey Abney and Brian Stubblefield, with Reid Trimble at middle guard. Willis Yates heads the linebackers, and the secondary, although listed for questions, does return three: Robbie Robinson, Mike Mitchell, and Mike Hunt. The Moccasins do have on their running shoes.

FURMAN (4-3-0, 5-6-0) Coach Dick Sheridan certainly looks over his shoulder with that well-known attitude of "cautious optimism." There are 48 lettermen, and the entire defensive unit returns, lock, stock, and a lot of points scored against them a year ago. The Paladins lost their first five games last fall, then took five of the final six—which brings on the current optimism. But the five winning scores were 34-24, 31-17, 63-55, 23-14, and 45-44, and that's where the caution sets in. Spring work brought this Sheridan observation: "We have moved people around, in an attempt to get the best combination of the best athletes on the field at the same time." Several of the changes took place on that defensive unit.

The backfield is ready again, although the offensive line returns only tackle Charlier Anderson as a starter. That means much work must be done up front, although Terry Clark and Zack Kelehear have tight end experience. Junior Tim Sorrells, alternate QB a year ago, certainly knows how to score. In that basketball score with Davidson (63-55) he passed for three TD's and ran for two. His 43 hits gained 668 yards and seven TD's for the year, and he also netted 299 yards running. The top three rushers return: Mike Glenn (857 yards, ten TD's), Brothel Cole (751 yards, two TD's).

Despite all the opposition scoring, Furman has three all-conference defensive players returning. They are senior tackle Devin Morgan (6-1, 230), twice All-SC; senior end Jeff Snipes (6-3, 225); and linebacker Bruce Gheesling, who started only the last four games. Jerry Scott has been moved from linebacker to the starting nose guard. Other linemen are Scott Kimche, Ansel Matthews, and Tim Partridge. Newcomers may get calls in the secondary, even though the starting quartet remain: Chris Buono, Gib McEachran, Jeff Burke, and Brent Sanders. The defense simply has to stick up a better barricade, and, if so, the Paladins can ride again.

WESTERN CAROLINA (2-4-0, 6-5-0) The Catamounts have it all. The Catamounts have it all IF the quarterback can cut it. The Catamounts—well, coach Bob Waters, dean of the



SC coaches (with his twelfth year upcoming), challenges the SC with those ifs. There are nine offensive starters returning, including one of the nation's cleverest pass catchers, 5-9, 160-pound Gerald Harp. There are also eight defensive regulars back on campus, a unit that led the nation in pass defense (a paltry 77.5 yards per game). But in spite of all the potential there is nowhere to be found Mike Pusey, who quarterbacked the Cats for four seasons.

The search for Pusey's replacement still goes on. The fall begins with sophomore Ronnie Mixon in charge, good arm, good runner, but 21 snaps all last season. Sophomore Noal Templeton and converted running back David Mashburn still have hopes. Harp is the prime target, 57 catches for 1,009 yards and ten TD's last season. Flanker Dwayne Norman and TE Eddie McGill (6-5, 215) are good catchers. Fullback Mark Womack blocks, and Leonard Williams, number two in SC scoring (13 TD's), rushed for 881 yards, along with Anthony James's 375, both as freshmen. Line regulars are again guards Vernon Greene and Lonnie Braxton, tackles Mitch Vestal and Joel Potts. The Cats can mount TD's and victories, if the right QB comes alive.

Defense is another story. There are eight returning regulars. There is no real demand at any one position, but there is concern over depth. Coach Waters, of course, is used to that. He's also accustomed to being outweighed with his light but catlike—as in Western North Carolina mountain—catamounts. All-SC returnees include end George Alston (6-3, 205) and three-year starting linebacker Ricky Smith (6-1, 210). The Cats keep tackles Larry McClain and John Strong as their positions, and guard Eddie Estes, linebacker Charlie Hughes and backs Lee McCall, Stan Davis, and Ted Dunn. There's a potential in the mountains.

EAST TENNESSEE (2-3-0, 7-4-0) Coach Jack Carlisle used the forward pass as a major implement to provide the Buccaneers their first winning season in nine years. Seventeen of the 36 TD's came through the air, and from scrimmage the Bucs gained about 200 more yards passing than rushing. With seven offensive starters on hand again, including the top runners and receivers, it would be only natural for Carlisle to look skyward again. He is. He's looking for a quarterback who can make all this go. Who is the man to replace the All-Southern Conference QB Mark Hutsell?

Jeff Davis will take the assignment from the very start, although the senior hasn't seen much action of late. He started the 1978 opener and was injured, allowing Hutsell to come in. Davis saw action in all 11 games, but he threw the ball only four times. However, he has three strong running backs: Earl Ferrell (5.5 average, 648 yards), Rich Reeves (amazing 9.4 average, 551 yards), and Johnny McFall, with 393 yards but also 84 points from 14 TD's (eleventh in the nation). In addition, the ETS attack goes to the backfield for receivers, McFall having 33 with five TD's and Ferrell 27 catches. Wide receiver Arnold Thomas is the key target, having 40 for 737 yards and five TD's, backed up by Shelby Cornelius. Four starters in the line are tackle Jay Patterson, guard Brett Cleveland, center Steve Meyer, and tight end Mike Barnes.

In establishing a 5-1 outside-the-conference record, the Bucs put together the SC's number one defense as well as the best scoring

defense, allowing the opposition only 13.6 points per game. But only four regulars return, and this is the major attention of the coaching staff. The secondary lost three people, but keeps sophomore Jack Lee. Buck Jones was a starter two years ago, and he's back, along with reserve Henry Smith. Shannon Depew (6-3, 210) is a veteran linebacker, aided by Harry Cosby. That leaves the work up front, where Ronnie Phillips (6-1, 230) remains the nose guard and Jeff Rawlings (6-3, 250) at one tackle, a position strengthened by the return of Dave O'Donohue (6-2, 225), who missed last season with injury. The Bucs could be a challenger with good quarterbacking.

THE CITADEL (4-2-0, 6-5-0) The Bulldogs went to the final minute of the season for the Southern Conference co-championship, when a two-point conversion failed and the Citadel lost to Furman 45-44. Coach Art Baker's challenge this time will be with a balanced unit on both sides of the ball, plus a new defensive alignment: 50 Mad Dog replacing the wide-tackle six. Says Baker: "I decided during last season that it was just too difficult to get the type of people we need to play the wide-tackle six effectively." It took some readjustment in spring drills, but the Bulldog defense, which finished dead last in the SC a year ago, should display improvement.

The defensive move puts sophomore Jim Ettari (6-3, 220) at nose guard, flanked by Sedrick Brown, Gerry Rigos, Chick Strong, and Jeff Jennings, veterans battling for the two tackle positions. Dale McLarty returns at end, sophomore Derrick Graham moving from linebacker. Linebackers will be Kelly Curry (6-0, 210), Bill Salley (6-2, 215), and Brian Woods (6-2, 205), pushed in the spring by sophomore Mike Varner (6-0, 230). From the free safety Bruce Alexander led the Bulldogs with five interceptions, and he will have senior Dickey Best, Chris Carter, Bernard Carter, and Joe Harvey working the secondary with him. The new defense has to help.

Offensively, the Bulldogs went mainly to the ground last season, and the leading runners will return. Senior Stump Mitchell, a 5.7 average gainer with 925 yards total, is very near being the school's all-time leading rusher, and he's backed by senior Danny Miller (5.1 average, 391 yards), also the number seven NCAA kickoff returner. Sam Scadlock and Wilford Alston are the fullbacks. Receivers are again Byron Walker (22 for 303 yards), Mark Slawson (22 for 448 yards and five TD's, four of the scores in that Furman finale), and Mark Hunt. But the quarterback has little experience. Junior Tracey Shrader got in only six games last fall, threw the ball 20 times (with one TD). Senior center Tom Fedrick and senior tackle Richard Farrier spark the offensive line, along with tight end David Bigos (younger brother of the defensive tackle), tackle Joe Pipczynski, guards Bobby Robinson and Pat McGroarty. There are 39 lettermen and all of them must find a spot in the programming.

APPALACHIAN STATE (3-4-0, 3-8-0) Mike Working was one of those young coaches working with John Mackovic in the Wake Forest surprise of 1979. He's now the new head coach of the Mountaineers. Wake Forest passed, so will Appalachian, using the I-formation. The new coach is a believer in the aerial game, but he's also got the number one pass receiver in the

country, plus a quarterback who ranked number three in total offense nationally. These are offensive plusses. But on the defense Working needs only to look at the books: long passes against the Mountaineers, 13 interceptions for the whole season, 24.4 points per game for the enemy. That means considerable revision in the defensive department.

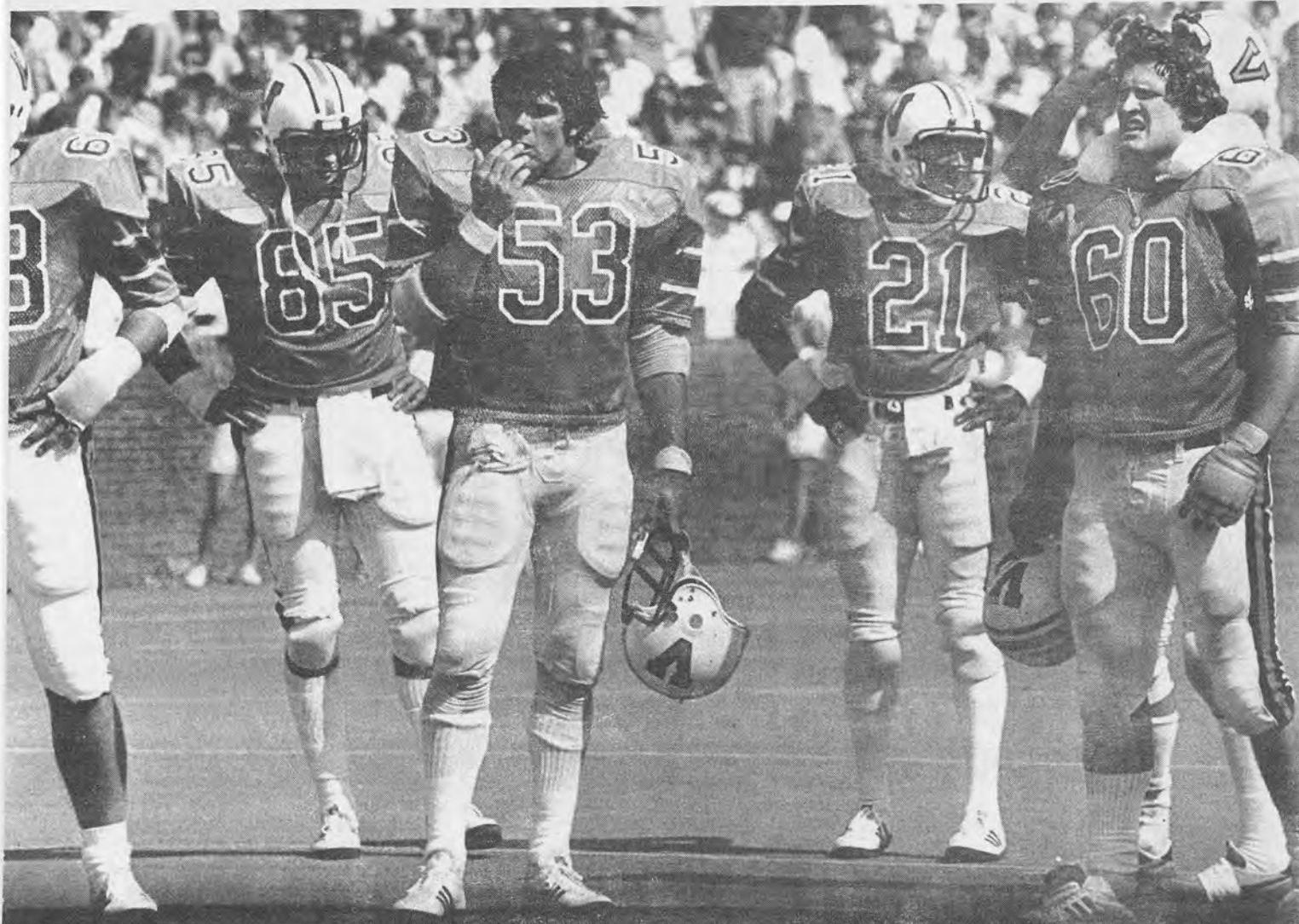
Rick Beasley, the top receiver, gets pro attention at his six feet and 160 pounds. As Southern Conference player of the year, the upcoming senior seeks to repeat in three NCAA categories of pass catching: 74 grabs for 1,205 yards and 12 touchdowns or 72 points. Again he will have senior Steve Brown as the QB to start the aerial bombardment. In addition to his 287 passes (147 hits) for 2,307 yards and 15 TD's, Brown ran the ball 129 times for 250 net yards. Runners will be Tim Martin, a transfer from Georgia, and possibly Arnold Floyd, although among the freshmen are some good runners. Tops in the offensive line are returning starters John Olson, guard, and Bill Medlin, tackle.

Switching players to get the best combination was common in spring drills, including moving some of the running backs to defense. Linebacker Allen Breeding moved to nose guard, while Jeff Vincent and Keith Guest return in the secondary, but there will continue to be a wholesale movement among the defense before the opening September game. The Apps will keep throwing the ball, and coach Working is just working to prevent the other side from doing the same thing.

VIRGINIA MILITARY (4-1-0, 6-4-1) Bob Thalman has been around a few years in the Southern Conference (second only to Bob Waters of WCU), and he knows most of the things to expect. He didn't get a very high pre-season rating a year ago, yet the Keydets finished second. Their 6-4-1 was the best Division I record in the state of Virginia. College football matters, and variables, tend to even up, and coach Thalman faces a season with his defense depleted (only two returning starters), and even though the Keydet offense has eight regulars, it's missing an experienced QB because of John Bangley, who did the job, just doesn't like military school. Bangley left. But the VMI offense is ready to move again, and that's where the preview begins.

Five cadets tried out for the Keydet QB spot in the spring, and while nothing was settled, officially, it pointed to sophomore Frank Brown as number one with sophomore Calvin Murray as back-up. Either will lead a veteran backfield, including All-SC tailback Floyd Allen, leading conference rusher with 1,249 yards, ranked tenth in the nation with his 113.5 average, and three school rushing records. Fullback is senior Butch Hostetter (531 yards). Returning in the line are center Austin Beckham, tackle Gabe Mastrobuno, and guard Mark Layle, but Robert Savage has been moved from flanker, where he was a two-year starter, to aid and abet the defense, which sorely needs aiding and abetting, as well as Band-Aids and Blue Cross. Soph Oliver James, being called sensational at such an early age, and Jeff White are now the

Virginia's offensive line is anchored by guard Kurt Pierce (# 60) and center Brian Musselman (# 53), who open holes for the Cavaliers' leading rusher, Tommy Vigorito (1,044 yards last season).



flankers, Louis Rolan and Teddy Gottwald the split ends. It is a tested unit.

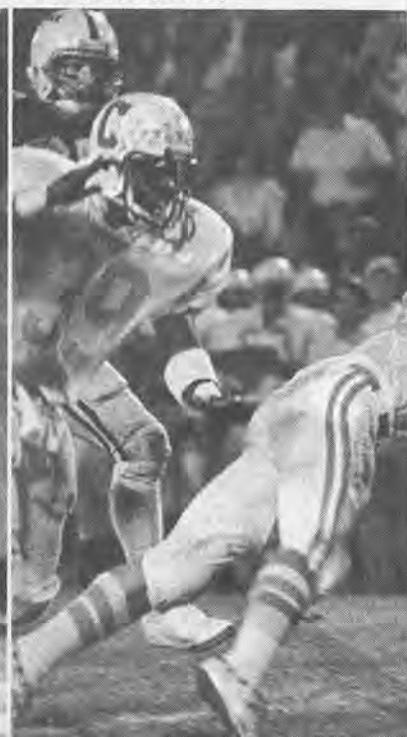
But not the defense, where U.S. military buffs always claim superiority. Lost is the front five, body and soul. It means Barry Smith, moved from tight end, and Wade Foltz are the ends; Kyle Weidlich, moved from offensive guard and G.J. Walley are tackles, and non-letter soph Scot Thomasson tries middle guard. Flanker—that guy who started two seasons, remember—Robert Savage is in the secondary, plus two linebackers, Steve Umberger and Walter Sanders. Two returning starters are LB Bruce Kitchen and DB Mike Eden. Punter Dan Fritz, at 41.1 yards, was the SC's number two man. He may kick a lot.

MARSHALL (0-6-0, 1-10-0) Coach Sonny Randle simply won't put up with another season like that, even if he has to play some himself, which was at wide receiver or whatever they called pass catchers in those days. Therefore, he's going to the aerial game, trying to keep things more wide open. To do this, the Thundering Herd will have to count on some of the incoming freshmen which the coach grades high. Randle works to shore up the attack that placed eighth in the eight-team conference statistics, averaging only 72.3 yards through the air. The Herd defense gave up a lot of yards also, as well as 309 points in 11 games.

To get the offense going, Jon Sharretts takes over the QB duties which he shared last fall with Danny Wright, who dropped out of school. He can throw to two juniors, Darnel Richardson and Tom Schroeder, but first he's going to get the ball to Ron Lear (5-10, 181), the conference rookie of the year. Getting 1,162 yards in 241 carries, the Lear Jet became the first walk-on, which he was, to get 1,000 yards rushing as a freshman in NCAA records. He's tough to bring down. However, work has to be done in the offensive line where center Reggie Garretson returns as a regular.

Eight starters are on hand defensively, including safety Carl Lee, a sophomore who was the team's leading tackler (50 solos in 11 games). Other experience Herders will be tackle Bill McCourt, nose guard Pancho Borgese, and ends Jeff Burrette and Kevin Jackson, the latter a three-year letterman.

NC State's DB Donnie LeGrande (left) and TE Lin Dawson (center), Tennessee-Chattanooga's RB Gwain Durden (below)



Sonny Randle will make some things good and loud for the Thundering Herd.

DAVIDSON (0-0-0, 6-4-0) Coach Ed Farrell is excited about the Wildcats third year in NCAA Division I-AA football. The 6-4 mark was the first winning Davidson season in ten years, and the Wildcats figured prominently in the national statistics: fourth in total offense, third in scoring, fourth in pass defense, third in pass offense. Seventeen Wildcats who started at one time or another return, along with place-kicking Wayne Paymer. Coach Farrell touts it "the most talented group in my tenure at Davidson." This is his seventh season.

He talks first about the attack: "Our offensive unit should be potent. The line is not large, but they are talented and experienced. The skill positions are manned by players who have the potential to set Davidson records and be offensive leaders in Division I-AA."

Gifford Piercy, for instance, rated fifth nationally as a pass receiver, 44 catches for 745 yards and six TD's. Out of the backfield came Alvin Atkinson for 38 catches, worth 497 yards and five TD's. His 15 TD's placed him second nationally. Fullback Ray Sinclair carried the ball for 620 yards and got 10 TD's. Junior Brian Whitmire (6-4, 195) shared QB duties, and he threw for six TD's. He guides the Wildcats, where the line returns Patrick Pope, Dan Kilar, and Dave Nicholas to work with newcomers.

Nine defensive players started from time to time, and it is an experienced unit. Kevin Hanna becomes a four-year starter in the secondary, with Andre Kennebrew and Bill Price, plus James McLain as linebacker. Up front there are Svend Pedersen as the nose guard, Mark Fahey, Charles Hooks, and Pat Sheridan (co-captain with Atkinson). Wildcat aim will include the I-AA playoffs for the first time.

INDEPENDENTS

SOUTH CAROLINA (8-4-0) Coach Jim Carlen went into last season with a lot of pep and vinegar, and the fans were proclaiming "This IS next year." The Gamecocks won more games than any team in university history (eight) and had another stolen by Notre Dame in South Bend. Not illegally, but you know how things happen at the Golden Dome. That fine

team lost 24 seniors, but coach Carlen and the Gamecocks come right, viewing 1980 with "cautious optimism with a positive approach." They have talent and experience, and George Rogers.

Now, Rogers can move the football, and this time fullback Johnny Wright is back in fine shape. He ran 903 yards two seasons back, but missed 1979 with a knee injury. Garry Harper is still the QB, having seven TD passes and a like number running from the triple option.

It was Rogers who ran for 1,681 yards, second only to Heisman winner Charles White of that other USC. Roger now has ten consecutive 100-yard games, the school rushing record, and coach Carlen's not too subtle observation: "The finest college running back in America." Two stalwarts are at tight end, Willie Scott (6-5, 235) and Ben Cornett (6-2, 220), and senior Tim Gillespie moves in at flanker. Three starters return up front: tackles George Schechterly (6-3, 255), a two-year starter, and Chuck Slaughter (6-5, 250), with guard Steve Gettel (6-1, 255). Advancing is soph center Mark Austin (6-4, 245). That continues good blocking for the Rogers Rambler.

The defense must rebuild, and Carlen aims, "Defensive line is one of our most important priorities." Senior Chuck Allen returns at tackle, soph Phil Ellis at end. Senior Ed Baxley is a linebacker, and the secondary has three at their old spots: Robert Perlotta, who led the team in tackles; Pat Borwen, leader on interceptions; and Mark Bridges. Part of the defensive assignment, too, is developing another punter. There is nothing Carlen can do, however, about a little scheduling matter that has Southern Cal and Michigan on the road back-to-back. But then, as athletic director, he did the schedule. The Gamecocks are ready for that challenge, too.

VIRGINIA TECH (5-6-0) Coach Bill Dooley cannot get impatient. He realized that when he moved to Blacksburg three years ago. Freshmen have played, and freshmen will play again this fall, as the veteran Dooley philosophizes: "We're making real strides. We've had two good recruiting seasons in a row, and I feel we're headed in the right direction." Last fall there was 3-0 start, but it closed out with a 1-3 conclusion. Then the Techmen lost two of the

running stars in the I-formation, and that will take some additional rebuilding.

The offense first, and junior quarterback Steve Casey is there to throw the ball. He hit 1,419 yards last season (running 203), and he got ten touchdowns aerially. His wingback, senior Sidney Snell, had a school record 43 catches for 706 yards and seven of the TD's. Snell returns, although at the end positions there may be freshmen playing, along with Steve Scaggs, shifted from the defense in spring work. Cyrus Lawrence takes the tailback duties, moving up. He led Tech in yards (791) and scoring (54). Big Tony Blackmon (6-2, 240) is the new fullback. Interior line returns: center Roe Waldron (6-3, 231), guards George Evans (6-4, 252) and Gary Smith (6-1, 246), tackles Wally Browne (6-4, 265) and Wayne Mutter (6-0, 246).

Six defensive starters return, along with the nation's twelfth ranking punter, Dave Smigelski (average 42.3). Rod Purdham remains at one end, Lewis Stuart and Chris Cosh at the linebacking spots, along with three in the secondary: Paul David, Jerome Pannell, and Mike Scharnus. Soph Padro Phillips (6-4, 233) tops the tackles, which include transfer Hannon Fry. The Gobbler defense allowed only two games to get out of hand last fall, and they were with Alabama and Clemson, bowl teams. This season Dooley's defense will have to be more stingy because it's possible the point-producing unit may not get 20.3 scores every Saturday out.

EAST CAROLINA (7-3-1) Ed Emory comes back to the campus where he was once a student-athlete, and he's the new head football coach, succeeding Pat Dye. The Pirate job becomes much tougher for the newcomer because 18 starters are gone, and after the spring game, Emory was saying: "The offensive line didn't pick up any stunts. We've got to control the line of scrimmage to run the Wishbone." Developing that situation is top priority, but finding a quarterback comes very close to matching, and it's tough to move the Wishbone without either of those ingredients, especially when the schedule includes from the neighboring ACC (Duke, North Carolina, N.C. State), Florida State, Southern Miss, and Miami.

Strength of the Wishbone, of course, are two outstanding running backs, Anthony Collins

(5-11, 202) and All-Southern Theodore Sutton (5-9, 208), who combined for more than 2,000 yards last season. They are backed by sophomore fullback Roy Wiley (6-0, 233). Spring passes without a QB decision, so it comes to the fall work: junior Henry Trevathan with more experience, soph Carlson Nelson the best runner, or soph Greg Stewart the best passer. Vern Davenport and Larry O'Roark are top receivers, but the line is inexperienced, star guard Wayne Inman (6-4, 235) the senior.

There are similar problems defensively. David Neimeyer became the leading middle guard while John Hallow was playing baseball (designated hitter), and two sophomores were moved into tackle. George Crump from end and Doug Smith from guard, while Nate Wigfall (6-2, 271) and Cliff Williams missed the spring semester. Mike Davis and Rocky Butler joined soph Brian McDaniel at the ends. Losses behind this line find only veterans being Freddie Jones and Willie Holley, who will be starting his third season in the secondary.

RICHMOND (0-11-0) When Dal Shealy arrived at Richmond to launch his first Division I head job, he saw everything from rock bottom. The Spiders had gone zip-11, and nine starters on each unit didn't excite the young coach. After all, four of the first five games would take the Spiders to such hard-to-win-at places as Villanova, Wyoming, West Virginia, and Auburn. He put in the Veer, said he would throw the ball, and added, "We're not totally sure what we have here in the way of talent." That meant some junior-college additions and a better than normal freshman recruiting class. And hard work.

The offense returns the top three runners, but it got only 79 points (to opponents' 271), and the leading scorer was Scott Schramme, soccer-style kicker, with 23 points. Junior QB Tim Venagle, part-time action, gets a challenge from freshman Steve Kainock. Running remains with Barry Redden (4.8 yards per 88 carries), world-class sprinter Jesse Williams, and Reggie Evans. Top three receivers are swinging the Spider web again: tight end Tim Spriggs (6-2, 220), wide receivers James Short and Blemus Martin. In the line are center Mike Bingle, tackles Jesse Moore and Forrest Paulson.



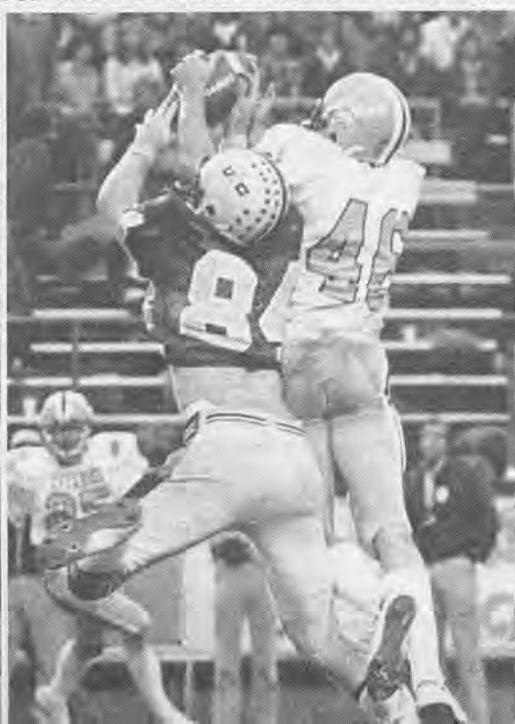
RB Stump Mitchell of the Citadel

Just as much work must be done defensively, or Kevin Wolfe, ECAC top punter two years ago (43.0 yards), will kick his leg off. Tackle Mark Seale (6-3, 250) and linebacker Larry Braun, top team tackler for two seasons, provide experience, whereas returning Reuben Turner, number two team tackler, could be joined by freshmen Steve Gerdon, Ken Still, and Mike Irvin, while Canadian rookie Kevin O'Byrne is a tight end. Pure and simply, it is a rebuilding job facing the new coach.

WILLIAM & MARY (4-7-0) When new head coach Jimmie Laycock accepted the assignment at his alma mater, he glanced over the Tribe's playing roster and wondered what happened. There were three returning starters on offense, which indicates a considerable lack of depth, which is true, and when spring drills were over, the coach philosophized: "There are a thousand things we still need to correct, but the kids are hitting. They're showing aggressiveness, and that's a good sign." The Indians need a lot of good signs to keep from being the scalpee rather than the occasional scalper. This depth business was so bad in the final spring game that sophomore Chris Garrity took every snap from center as QB—for both teams.

Garrity is a high spot in the Indian offense, the I-formation. Last year he threw for 916 yards and five TD's. Lee Qualls will again be his backup. Injury sidelined Qualls in the spring game.

and TE Ed Stafford (# 84), and Western Carolina's TB Leonard Williams are Southern stars.



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But gone are the two top runners, leaving Keith Best as the leading tailback (326 yards last season), aided by senior FB Mike Brown (6-2, 210) and Tom Franco, moved from the secondary. The guards are returning regulars, Doug Martini and Dennis Fitzpatrick, but the line is inexperienced.

Defensively, seven regulars give coach Laycock a nucleus. Mike Kneidinger and Dave Haas are at the flanks, Steve Frisina at tackle, and John Cannon at guard. Three of the secondary know what it's all about: Jim DiNardo, Paul Tyner, and Steve McManee. The Tribe had its first losing season in three years, and now there's rebuilding. They're trying to Laycock a new foundation.

WOFFORD (5-5-0) The Terriers and coach Buddy Sasser can hardly wait. They finished last fall's campaign with three straight victories, averaging 46 points a game. That's enough to speed up the calendar. Although the offensive line graduated, the runners are in the same slots where Lenny Best rushed for 1,120 yards in nine games, fullback Frank Brady 882 yards, and QB Charlie Bradshaw 440. But the line does have lettermen experience: center Kenny Leonhardt, guards James Meadors and Jimmy, tackle Lee Davis, with juco transfer James Brewton also at tackle. Defensively, starters are again tackle Kirk Breland and nose guard Robin Howard, backed up by veteran Nick Pinckney and Lawton as linebackers, plus a solid secondary. Largest recruiting class in recent years, 28, concentrated on linemen and linebackers.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

PRESBYTERIAN (7-0-0, 11-2-0) The Blue Hose could really move the ball a year ago, ranking high in the NAIA national poll and going to second-round playoffs. Coach Cally Gault, selected conference coach of the year, returns his star quarterback, senior Jimmy Spence, twice All-SAC, the league's top total-offense player. He hit 62 percent of his 171 passes with only six interceptions. PC led the conference in total offense (371.4 yards average). Returning receiver Jesse Cason (48 catches, 555 yards) has been all-conference two years, and place-kicker Chuck Bishop (63 points) made it a year ago. On defense, with the league's best scoring protection (11.4 points per game), the Blue Hose have a balanced unit, led by all-conference nose guard Joe Grant (6-0, 240), a junior.

ELON (3-4-0, 5-5-0) The Fighting Christians, for many years an NAIA powerhouse, got caught up in a bundle of errors last fall. Says coach Jerry Tolley: "If we try to re-evaluate last season, we find everything went wrong." But Elon returns to the top this fall, and part of the reason might be a transfer QB, John Bangley, starter for VMI last season. He just didn't like the military life (he is eligible under NAIA transfer hours). Running back is all-district Bobby Hedrick, 1,129 yards and 78 points, along with receivers Don Ricks and Vernon Morrison, but there is a young offensive line. Elon had four first-team All-SAC defensive players, all graduated, but the big defensive line is led by Quinton Ballard (6-2, 252) and Chris Worst (5-11, 219), along with senior Reggie Tice at safety.

CARSON-NEWMAN (4-3-0, 6-4-0) The Eagles have a new coach, Ken Sparks, and they



VMI's ALL-SAC TB Floyd Allen (1,249 yards in '79).

will be running the veer. The quarterback is again Jay Andrews, with Ferrum JC transfer Anthony Conner a big (6-3, 200) back-up. Soph Hugh Rutledge (893 yards) was the third-top rusher in the league, where Willie Nelson, wide receiver, was All-SAC as a sophomore last season. The line is experienced, led by center Lee Cardwell (second team All-SAC) and tackle Joe Gibson. Secondary is the strongest point in the Eagle defense, where Ronald Gartrell and Brad Payne are returning regulars. In going to a five-man front, coach Sparks moved Donnell Edmonds from linebacker to nose guard, with experienced Jerome Taylor and Mike Nelson at ends.

MARS HILL (5-1-1, 7-2-1) Coach Claude Gibson's team was also ranked in the NAIA national leaders a year ago, and there are experienced people returning to make the Lions a contender again. Defense was a forte in the good season, where the Lions ranked number one in the conference by allowing opponents only 102.2 yards per game rushing. Steve Campbell, defensive back, was named SAC player of the year. Off the second All-SAC team are linebacker John Gulledge and junior tackle Ricky Williamson (6-4, 225). Kenny Phillips, now a senior, was one of the league's three running backs on all-conference, getting 535 yards on 111 carries. In the line, 6-3, 245 Cliff Searcy is a senior tackle with All-SAC honors.

NEWBERRY (3-4-0, 5-5-0) works on its running game, as coach Reed Charpia returns the top runner, fullback C.W. Wilson (604 yards) along with QB Eddie Pettus (724 yards passing) and wide receiver Gary Cali (390 yards catching). All-conference tackle Stan Stanton (6-4, 250) and second-team all-league end Chris Miller spark the defensive unit. **GARDNER-WEBB** (1-6-0, 4-7-0) went to the air successfully a year ago, when Thomas Moore made his

debut as head coach. Chip Stewart made the All-SAC second team as QB as a freshman, being the league's number one passer (1,179 yards). Duane Foster was the conference's top receiver (46 for 725 yards). Senior tackle Bobby Hopkins sparks the offensive line, as Charlisse Koontz returns as PK. **LENOIR-RHYNE** (3-4-0, 5-5-0) rushed to the league's number three offense spot a year ago, and Don Strayhorn returns, having 636 yards. Guard Steve Strickland was all-conference on offense, while Rich Mashburn, with a 44.7 average, was the league's number one punter. Receiver Rick Ledbetter returns, along with defensive tackle Mike McDonnell, both second-team All-SAC. **CATAWBA** (2-5-0, 3-8-0) continues to rebuild under coach Warren Klawitter, but offensive losses were great. The Indians lose four second-team All-SAC players, but return Mark Strickland, a specialist who averaged 20.5 yards on punt returns. Senior Danny Days is at running back, rated number four in the conference with his 705 yards.

MID-EASTERN

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (4-1-0, 8-3-0)

The Bulldogs did not capture the conference title, but they led in both offensive and defensive statistics—and beat the CIAA's Norfolk State in the Gold Bowl 39-7. Coach Bill Davis returns 12 starters, and the offense appears stronger. Price Phillips, second-team all-conference, has a full season experience at QB, throwing only 91 times (663 yards, 9 TD's).

Chris Ragland (5-9, 190) topped the MEAC rushing with 1,134 yards (11 TD's as team top scorer), and he was runner-up in outstanding offensive player voting in the league. Flanker Charlie Brown returns as the top receiver (438 yards, 6 TD's), and the offensive line is sparked by guard Edwin Bailey (6-4, 255) and center Larry Warner (6-2, 240), both All-MEAC. Defensively, linebacker Angelo King was all-conference, and other veterans include tackle John Alford, end Zack Grate, and back William Jackson, the coming co-captain with Bailey. The Bulldogs could be a power in Division I-AA.

MORGAN STATE (5-0-0, 9-2-0) The Bears really had things going last fall. Coach Clarence Thomas had a passing game which was labeled "D.C. and the Three H Connection." That meant Darrell Coulter, a freshman QB who was all-conference and the MEAC offensive player of the year. It had never happened to a freshman before. The three H's were Curtis Henderson, Mike Holston, and Clarence Holzendorf. They caught 30, 22, 27 passes, respectively, a bundle of yards, and 11 touchdowns. As a result, the Bears scored 249 points—only 171 more than the previous season. They won the title, competed in Division II playoffs. Morgan State may change to I-AA this season.

Also all-conference and returning are offensive guard Henry King, defensive back Vaughn Dennis, and Henderson—who made it twice (first-team split end, second-team return specialist). The top running back, Angelo Proctor (322 yards, 4 TD's) returns, with center Mike Henderson (6-3, 245). Defensively, the secondary is built around Dennis (6 interceptions), Craig Spencer, and Mark Young. Watch Coulter beat his own marks: 1,464 passing yards, 12 touchdowns.

FLORIDA A&M (DNP, 7-4-0) The Rattlers are new to the MEAC, which spreads out to Florida, and coach Rudy Hubbard is so new to losing that when Florida A&M went 7-4 last season, he moaned, "If any year could be termed a bad-luck year, then that was it." The Rattlers had gone 23-1 for two seasons, including the NCAA Division I-AA championship. His six-year record is 51-15-2.

The Rattlers bring a strong running game to the MEAC: tailback Archie Jones 8.4 yards per carry, 813 yards, 4 TD's, along with fullback Mike Solomon 5.3 yards per carry, 685 total, 7 TD's. Sammy Knight and Nathaniel Koonce are the QB's, the former throwing only 94 times last season (582 yards). Wyman Daniels and Bobby Hawkins are top receivers. Defensively, the strength lies with ends Tony Hayes and Robert Layton, linebackers Jesse Spaulding and Tim Childs, and backs Gifford Ramsey and Dorsey Hutchinson. They will challenge for the championship this first year.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (DNP, 6-5-0) The Wildcats come into the MEAC also this season, and they hope to be just as impressive as they were in last fall's finale—25-20 over Florida A&M. Dr. Bobby Frazier is the coach, and he returns nine defensive regulars, which puts strength in that department. The offensive line returns, as well as the top two receivers, Stacy Charles and Stanley Brown. Spring work began with seven—count 'em—quarterbacks. Then one went to secondary, another to tight end

(Herb Wright), last year's starter Pete Lange to wide receiver.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T (2-2-1, 4-6-1) Injuries to key people left the Veer and the Aggies struggling, so coach Jim McKinley has changed to the I. It should perk up the offense which has QB's Roland Myers and William Watson; runners Charlie Sutton, Wayman Pitts, and incoming freshman Mike Jones; all-conference linemen Mike West (guard, 6-5, 270) and Clifton Britt (guard, 64, 235); and tackle Kevin Bryant, transfer from Arkansas. Defensive play has kept the Aggies in the game for two seasons. Tackle Leon Byrd returns, as do all-conference linebackers Dennis Coit and Glenn Inman and back Eric Westbrook. With a few points McKinley could dot the I.

HOWARD (2-3-0, 5-6-0) With a pass oriented attack, coach Floyd Keith turned the spring drills over to work on the running game. Returning is the top ball-carrier, Greg Barnes (668 yards, 5.8 per carry, 48 points, and QB is again Ronald Wilson, although he hit only 36.8 percent of his passes last fall. His leading receiver again is tight end Fitz Folwer. Top scorer was kicker Howard Ward (53 points), and he on hand again. There are several incoming freshmen who might turn matters around: QB's Jann Bennett and Edward Daniels, and defensive back Oliver Bridges.

DELAWARE STATE (0-4-1, 4-5-1) The Hornets continue to struggle, and coach

Charles Henderson had a good recruiting season. The Hornets return two good running backs, Anthony Beamon (631 yards, five TD's) and Baron Harmon (268 yards), and the receiving corps is intact: flanker Greg Lee, split end Walter Samuels, and tight end Gordon Simmons. Defensively, the leaders are end Calvin Mason, linebacker Henry Thomas, and backs Drake Turner and Tim King.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC

GRAMBLING (5-1-0, 8-3-0) The Tigers lost their finale and got a SWAC co-championship, and now coach Eddie Robinson points to his 21st consecutive winning season. The offense, which averaged 347 yards per game, returns all-conference QB Mike Williams (988 passing yards, 8 TD's), along with Robert Parham (6-1, 215), who was the nation's eighth-ranking runner (966 yards, 5.5 per carry). Tight end David Butler (6-4, 215) was all-conference, while back Robert Salter gained defensive honors.

SOUTHERN (4-2-0, 7-4-0) Coach Cass Jackson's Jaguars closed out last season with that 14-7 finale over Grambling, but there were five all-conference seniors. However, returning veterans can continue the passing game which got 1,520 yards compared to 1,119 rushing. Tight end Brian Williams was second-team all-conference. Most of the defensive unit returns, after placing second in the conference with only 181.5 yards allowed per game.

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ALCORN STATE (5-1-0, 8-2-0) Veteran Marino Casem was SWAC coach of the year, an honor well deserved. The Braves won their last nine games, including a 9-7 finale over Jackson State where Wilfredo Rosales kicked all the points. Rosales returns, having been all-conference kicker. Alcorn's defense ranked number one in the league (165 yards per game). All-conference players returning are backs Leslie Frazier and Alvin Bailey, end Tony Gibbs, and tackle Melvin Brown.

JACKSON STATE (4-2-0, 8-3-0) The Tigers of coach W.C. Gordon return more all-conference players than anybody else, but there were also some losses. First-team members are tackle Kevin Hardy (6-4, 245) and guard Derick Perkins (6-0, 223), both on the offense. Off the second all-conference are quarterback Keith Taylor, running back Larry Cowans, linebacker Larry Wertz, and defense back Derek McElanahan.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY (2-4-0, 4-5-0) has a new coach, Archie Cooley, who will install the Slot-I, but he must rebuild with 24 lettermen. Off the all-conference are wide receiver Wally Wright and nose guard Phillip Darns. Top runner is again Robert Powell at fullback (343 yards), while Maurice Johnson gets the call as the new QB. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (1-5-0, 3-8-0) had three all-conference players despite its losing mark, but they were all seniors.

PRAIRIE VIEW (0-6-0, 0-11-0) is still rebuilding, with Tommie Dawson, second-team all-conference a regular again at wide receiver, but the club will have to rebuild on both units, which finished last in the conference in offense and defense.

Jackson State's superb quarterback, Keith Taylor, led the Southwestern Athletic Conference in total offense last season with 1,142 yards.



CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

NORFOLK STATE (6-1-1, 8-2-1) Offense will be a forte with the Spartans, and when spring work ended, coach Dick Price was saying: "We've made some progress, but there still are a lot of questions to be answered. For example, we're going to have a close look at 10 or 11 running backs." Among them will be fullback Walter Ingram, transfer from Maryland-Eastern Shore, which gave up football. Another MES regular at Norfolk now is Greg Stephenson All-MEAC quarterback two years ago. He will push junior Herb Hodge for the starting job. Ten regulars return, but only four defensively: backs Raymond Lee and Reggie Smallwood, end captain Bo Ludwig, and tackle Kenny Blount.

VIRGINIA UNION (8-0-0, 10-1-0) Coach Willard Bailey could tell matters were going to get rough the moment the Division II playoff game was over. The Panthers had given up only 67 points in 11 games, and here they had just lost to Delaware 58-28. Now the defensive unit is almost depleted, one which led the CIAA in rushing defense (only 41 yards per game), so coach Bailey will have to rebuild that department. The offense has several veterans, but the top returnee is Wilbert Whaff, the kicker-punter who made the coaches' All-CIAA team. Bailey's teams are accustomed to rigorous hard work and team discipline, and a rebuilding year demands both.

JOHNSON C. SMITH (1-6-1, 1-9-1) Coach Wylie Harris has the bulwark of his offense returning, aided by several transfers such as offensive linemen Kenny Jones and Jim Penny. Top blockers will again be Jeff Coan and Ray Ellis, and possibly the league's top receiving corps will include All-CIAA Nate McDowell, tight end Ed McNelly, and Larry Disher. QB Cal Gill will direct the Golden Bulls' attack. However, seven defensive starters will be missing, and

coach Harris will have to rebuild that unit that gave up 281 points a year ago.

WINSTON-SALEM STATE (6-1-1, 8-2-1) Coach Bill Hayes has lost two games in three seasons, and now comes rebuilding time. The Rams, who tied Norfolk State for second place in the conference standings last fall, played with a lot of seniors, especially on offense. But there the attack will continue with senior running back Arrington Jones, plus junior Chris Kirkpatrick and sophomore Mike Ferguson. Among the top recruits will be offensive tackle Ed Davenport (6-4, 260) and center Mike Warren (6-2, 215). The Rams scored more points (291) than any team in the conference last season.

HAMPTON INSTITUTE (2-6-0, 3-8-0) Veteran Coach Walter Lovett returns 50 lettermen, including 15 starters from last fall. On offense the pro set has been junked in favor of the option-oriented Veer, and the Pirate running game should improve. Carrying the ball will be Dennis Mahan and sophomore Anthony Armstrong, who led the team in three offensive categories. Veteran quarterbacks are Herb Tollerson and Fred Randolph, plus newcomer Dale Versher. There is experience in the secondary to improve the inconsistency in pass coverage last season.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE (2-6-0, 3-7) has a new coach, former Philadelphia Eagle QB Johnny Walton, and he must first select the Vikings' QB from junior Ralph Eagleton and sophomore Ed Costley. Runners include senior John Morris, juniors Gary Snead and Danny Jones, and sophomore Dudley White. Among the running recruits are Darble Brown and Bobby Futrell.

VIRGINIA STATE (5-2-1, 6-4-1) must come up with a starting quarterback, but the offensive line has experience, led by Reginald Rogers and Arthur Waddell. The defense is sparked by Carroll Cox and Willie Jackson. **FAYETTEVILLE STATE** (4-3-1, 4-4-1) has a defensive unit to provide its strength, returning in the line Bainey Mason, Ernest Hawkins, and Kenneth Tillman. All-CIAA defensive back Ike Hall tops the secondary, and punter Bertie Wadford also made the all-conference selection.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL (DNP, 2-8-1) makes its debut in the CIAA, moving from the MEAC, and coach Henry Lattimore has 44 lettermen and 18 starters returning. The offense has tackle Ken Sheppard and center James Noble, while the defensive unit brings senior tackle Terry Brown, sophomore Nate Johnson, tackle Wendell Matthews, and end Alvin McNeil. **BOWIE STATE** (DNP, 2-8-0) is also a new conference member, coming in with most of last year's starters on hand. Both quarterbacks are with the Bulldogs to direct the attack. Cornerback Victor Jackson and tight end Larry Hinston lead the regulars. **LIVINGSTON** (2-6-0, 3-8-0) finds the quarterback position a tossup between two juniors, Anthony Powell and Marshall Meadows, who will be working behind the experienced blocking of tackles Langston Brown and Dan Henderson. Among the top recruits are defensive tackles Terry Whittaker and Jimmy Sherman. **ST. PAUL'S** (0-8-0, 0-9-0) has a young club again, and both quarterbacks return, senior Willie Bell and junior Gary McDaniel. The secondary has senior backs Rob Wilson, Felix Christian, and Waldo Freeman.

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Huge defensive tackle Leonard Mitchell (6-7, 270) is a pre-season All-America selection and one of the biggest reasons for the national acclaim for the 1980 Houston Cougars.

SOUTHWEST

1. Houston, 2. Arkansas, 3. Texas A&M,
4. Texas, 5. Baylor, 6. SMU, 7. Texas Tech,
8. TCU, 9. Rice

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4. Arkansas State, 5. Louisiana Tech,
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1. Texas A&I, 2. Angelo State,
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8. Sam Houston State

TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE A.A.

1. Austin College, 2. Tarleton State,
3. Sul Ross, 4. McMurry, 5. Trinity,
6. Lubbock Christian

Once upon a time football in the southwest was dominated by the University of Texas, or sometimes Arkansas. And football experts still consider the Texas Longhorns the team to beat.

But there's been a fascinating development. There is a new bully on the block, if the recent record book can be trusted. Bill Yeoman's University of Houston Cougars are making the Cotton Bowl a personal habit.

"We've really been lucky," says Yeoman, whose teams have won or shared the Southwest Conference title three years out of four since they began playing for keeps in 1976. "Our key kids have stayed in good shape and we've gotten the lucky bounce here and there. Of course, I will compliment our kids. They DO play fairly hard."

Lucky? The old-timers in the league figure that their own UN-luckiest day was when they voted to let Houston become a member. In 1976 the Cougars slipped into the Cotton Bowl and folks said, "Well, they were fired up about getting in the conference."

In 1978 they did it again. Last year they repeated, made it two in a row, with a series of electrifying escapes.

And eight other schools, plus their coaches, players, and fans are getting a little tired of it. They wonder if Yeoman has somehow learned to clone his darting running backs and his big strong tackles. The only time he's missed the throne was 1977, when Texas had the one and only Earl Campbell running wild.

All Yeoman says is that to win the SWC, "You have to be lucky, real lucky."

This year, he adds, "It will be real hard to win, just like always."

"Arkansas," says Yeoman, "has all those young kids who did so well late last season. Texas is always very good, and Texas A&M is strong. SMU, with the athletes they've got, they'll be good. And everybody else is just plain going to be better than they were."

He kids us not. It is highly unlikely that the 1980 SWC champion will be unbeaten. It is even possible to have a three-way tie, or co-champions with two league defeats. There is great diversity of opinion about the 1980 race. A private poll shows that Houston is the only SWC team rated no worse than third, but it also reveals that Texas A&M and Arkansas are just a fumbled hand-off behind the Cougars, while Texas, Baylor, and SMU also draw a lot of support.

What Houston has in its corner is a building tradition, plus miracle man Terry Elston at quarterback and awesome defensive tackles Hosea Taylor and Leonard Mitchell.

The Texas Aggies are strong all over, with dandy quarterback Mike Mosley and a great crop of freshmen coming in. Arkansas is young, and fast, and good. How good may depend only upon the solution at quarterback.

Texas plans to have an improved offense, and another good defense (despite the loss of eight defensive starters, two of them unanimous All-America choices), and its own blue-chip class of recruits.

Baylor can't be counted out. The Peach Bowl victors have outstanding linebackers and runners.

SMU is a minor mystery, because passing whiz Mike Ford (national total-offense leader in 1978) needs to come back from injury and illness, but the Mustangs could make a run at it.

Texas Tech has a sound defense and needs only an offensive spark. It might even be a mistake to count out TCU, which may be as big, and as fast, as anyone. And Rice has blood in its eye, plus some surprises on offense.

The schedule seems to favor Texas, if anyone. The Longhorns play Houston, Arkansas, and Texas A&M at home in friendly Austin. Another schedule development has the Arkansas-Texas game on September 1 (for TV purposes). They'd best be ready early for a crucial game.

There's no lack of outstanding individuals. Taylor, Mitchell, Elston, and halfback Terald Clark at Houston. Safety Kevin Evans and lineman George Stewart and Philip Moon at Arkansas. Mosley at A&M. Texas has tackle Terry Tausch and running back A.J. Jones. Baylor coach Grant Teaff says no team in the nation has THREE better linebackers than his, led by All-America Mike Singletary.

SMU has Ford and tackle Harvey Armstrong. Texas Tech boasts a phenomenon in nose guard Gabriel Rivera (305 pounds and fast) and a fine safety in Ted Watts. TCU has tackle Charles Champine and linebacker Kelvin Newton. Or how about Rice's tight end, a brother named Robert Hubble, 6-8 and 240-plus?

If Yeoman is correct, all any of them need now is a little bit of luck.

Outside the SWC, North Texas State can also use some luck. The region's chief independent faces a tough schedule.

In the Southland Conference, a rising Lamar team will contend with Texas-Arlington and McNeese State for the host spot in the Independence Bowl.

Texas A&I seems to be back in the saddle in the Lone Star Conference (A&I won five national championships in the 1970's) but it could be a four-team race for the title. It's anybody's guess in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The only first-year coaches in the southwest this fall are Sam Robertson at Southwestern Louisiana and Billy Brewer at Louisiana Tech.

Look at it this way: a year ago Houston went 11-1, counting a Cotton Bowl victory over Nebraska. Seven times the Cougars came from behind to win in the fourth quarter, and four of those games were "won" by Terry Elston in a relief role. The 6-3, 210-pound speedster was unbelievable in the clutch, beating Texas A&M and Nebraska with big plays in the last few seconds.

Now the quarterback job finally belongs to Mr. Elston. He's a senior, finally getting a chance to start, and may well be one of the SWC's better All-America candidates, although veer quarterbacks barely get out of the gate in the All-America derby.

Elston isn't Houston's only weapon. Despite a little rebuilding in the line, the Cougar ground game should be as effective as ever. Elston averages 5.8 yards per carry, and for running backs he has Terald Clark (196), who gained 1,063 a year ago; John Newhouse (205), who ran for 678 yards; and excellent back-up help from Dave Barrett (220) and Allen Polk (200). Clark could be the best "overlooked" runner in the country.

Lonell Phea is a home run threat at split end, plus a busy kick returner. Eric Herring (200), a hero in the Cotton Bowl, returns at flanker, while Hubert Miller (200) steps up at tight end. Center Randy Swisher (234) and the left side of the line, tackle Robert Jones (255) and guard Jack Faniel (260), return to duty. Moving up at right tackle is Maceo Fifer, a 270-pound squadman, with Bobby Grimes (245) at right guard.

While that offense should give the Cougars another big boost, there are a few flies on the defense, which boasts a couple of tank destroyers at defensive tackle in Hosea Taylor and Leonard Mitchell.

Taylor (6-5, 265) appeared on some All-America teams last year. Loyal Houstonians think he'd be a shoo-in this year if it weren't for Mitchell (6-7, 270), and quick enough to play on the UH basketball team), who is even more of a big-play type. Playing between them at nose guard will be either Terry Monroe (250) or Dan Essa (230).

Heavy losses at defensive end and linebacker may be offset by the return of 1979 red-shirts end Alvin Ruben (230) and linebacker Steve Bradham (230). Leo Truss, Greg Harmon, and Kelly McDonald are also available on the flanks. Grady Turner (210), Bradham (a two-year starter who was injured last fall), Joe Keys, and Weedy Harris are all capable linebackers with game experience.

Cornerback Donnie Love (185) is the only real veteran available in the secondary, where reserves like Albert Windom (196), Butch LaCroix, Dinky Edwards (185), and Reggie Vonner must come through quickly.

The Cougars have the goods, and a winning tradition. If the young secondary and an unproven kicking game can be overcome, all they have to do is to keep Elston, Taylor, and Mitchell healthy to be in the thick of things.

ARKANSAS Last year was to be a rebuilding season for Lou Holtz and the Razorbacks. The rebuilding was so successful that Arkansas went 10-1, tied for the SWC championship, and played in the Sugar Bowl game.

For what it's worth, the rebuilding continues, and the Hogs should again be candidates for

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

HOUSTON The Cougars are in the strange position of being favored in the Southwest Conference because their number two quarterback is now number one.

top-ten ranking. The major holes to be filled are at quarterback and in the offensive line, which mainly puts more early-season pressure on the defense. As usual, Holtz's defense appears to be up to the task.

The secondary, for instance, not only returns intact, but returns almost three-deep. Kevin Evans (6-1, 192) may be the best free safety in the nation after coming of age last fall. Kim Dameron (157) and Ron Matheny (177) return to the corners, if they can fight off Trent Bryant (180) and Hugh Jernigan, who have first-team experience of their own. Randy Wessinger (181) is a fine, strong safety, but might wind up at quarterback.

The Arkansas defense won't be the largest in the league, but it will be quick. Jeff Goff (195) and Mark Dewey (202) seem secure at the ends, but there are battles at the other "front" positions. Senior Danny Phillips (234) and sophomore Billy Ray Smith (217) share one tackle spot, with both Jim Elliott (244) and Phillip Boren (245) available on the other side. Richard Richardson (236) is back for another year at nose guard.

Teddy Morris (213) is an excellent linebacker. Steve Douglas (206) has starting credentials, and Ozzie Riley (227) has three letters, but Arkansas has a half-dozen outstanding freshman linebackers arriving this fall, and nothing is certain.

Offensively, there is an opening at quarterback, but Holtz has Tom Jones (6-2, 180), Bert's little brother, on hand to fill it. Jones completed 29 of 51 passes last year, but saw little action after the first three games. Behind him are Michael Stacy, "hardship" freshman Kent Reber, or Wessinger.

The running backs will be late-season stand-out Darryl Bowles (195), who averaged 5.5 yards per carry, and greyhound-fast sophomore Thomas Brown (177), who is a potential all-the-way threat. James Tolbert and Mark Douglas (209) are other veterans available. There's enough talent there that last year's number-two rusher, Gary Anderson (180), will probably wind up at flanker, sharing the catching burden with 9.4 sprinter Gary Stiggers. Darryl Mason (227) is solid at tight end, where Steve Clyde is also a two-letter veteran.

Guard George Stewart (262) will be one of the area's best offensive linemen, as will tackle Phillip Moon (239). Keith Houfek (238) advances to the center position. Alfred Mohammed (253), moved from the defense, may inherit the other guard spot, with big Joe Shantz (266) at the other tackle. It's a line which should be good in time.

Senior Steve Cox (6-3, 196) punted for a 43.8-yard average last year, and is versatile enough that the SWC's leading scorer, Ish Ordonez, may be redshirted a year from his kicking duties, with Cox handling both punting and place-kicking. If that doesn't speak volumes for the depth in the Arkansas program, nothing does.

TEXAS A&M Superfast Curtis Dickey is gone, but Mike Mosley lives, and that is good news indeed for the Texas Aggies. Mosley has always been an extraordinary talent, a quarterback who ran a 9.5 hundred and could throw acceptably. Now he has suddenly grown from 180 pounds to 200, and while keeping his speed has improved his passing. Look out, America.

Mosley, though, is only one of many reasons that Tom Wilson's Aggies get high marks this year. After slipping slightly to a rather disappointing 6-5 record in 1979 (with a couple of bitter losses offset by a victory over arch-rival Texas in the final game), the Aggies should be better. Even the depth problems may be corrected when a platoon of big, mobile freshmen joins Old Army's ranks this fall.

Mosley ran for 505 yards and passed for 938 a year ago. Now he's a stronger runner and passer. Stepping in at tailback will be two sophomores of great potential, Earnest Jackson (192) and Johnny Hector (190). Hector rushed for 378 yards last year as a part-timer, while Jackson was a spring sensation.

David Hill (209) returns at fullback, possibly pushed by sophomore Ronnie James, a fast 228-pounder. David Scott and Mike Whitwell are able wide receivers. At tight end, Larry Edmundson must fight off a freshman challenge, especially from Mark Lewis (225).

There is a solid line, one-deep, of tackles Zach Guthrie (6-6, 275) and Tim Ward (6-5, 270), guards Bryan Dausin (225) and Flint Risien (237), and center David Bandy (232). Guthrie is a potential all-star.

The defense, with eight starters returning, has a mature and settled look, though once again the depth may come from the rookie recruits.

Arlis James (251) provides savvy and leadership at defensive tackle, paired with Mack Moore (246). Keith Baldwin (237) has starting credentials at one end, while Paul Pender (225) is an experienced sophomore on the other side.

Like so many SWC teams this year, the Aggies are proud of their linebackers. In this case, Mike

Little (207), Doug Carr (200), and Cal Peveto (218) all were starters last season, and acquitted themselves well.

The experience on defense also extends to the secondary, where safeties John Dawson (190) and Elroy Steen (197) return to starting duty. Dan Davis (168) is another old hand, at one corner, while Darrell Adams (172) started a few games last year at the other corner.

Stronger overall, with great defensive experience and the likelihood of a better, more versatile attack, the Aggies still have a leaner look than in recent years. They also need some lucky charms against their schedule. Ole Miss, Georgia, and Penn State are waiting, plus a conference slate that sends A&M to games at Arkansas, Texas, and Houston.

TEXAS For two years, ever since Earl Campbell packed his Heisman Trophy and left school to gain fame and wealth, the Longhorns have been struggling on offense and living high with one of the best defensive teams in the nation. That's what they did a year ago and it worked for nine victories. Finally the lack of punch caught up with Texas for closing losses to Texas A&M and, in the Sun Bowl, Washington.

Now it's different. Now Fred Akers has a better-looking offensive group. Now it's the defense that has been shorn by graduation, with only three defensive starters coming back. And if the offense really is better, and if the holes can be patched on defense, Texas will be contending again.

The key to the attack remains the quarterback position, where Donnie Little returns. A superb athlete, Little passed for 750 yards last year and was the team's number-two rusher. If he isn't the answer, sophomore gunner Rick McIvor can be called on. And there's always Herkie Walls. Walls (5-8, 146) is a 9.2 trackman who plays a little quarterback, and a little wide receiver, and a little running back, but mostly just runs away from people. The heavy-duty running will fall to A.J. "Jam" Jones (200), who ran for 918 yards in nine games last season. Also on hand are lettermen Rodney Tate (170),



Eric Herring scored the winning TD in the Cotton Bowl. Hosea Taylor (center) is awesome at defensive tackle. Terold Clark (far right) rushed for 1,063 yards in 1979.

Brad Beck (209), and Carl Robinson, plus sophomore Darryl Clark.

The receiving will fall to big-play tight end Lawrence Sampleton (6-6, 230), Nebraska transfer Maurice McCloney (195), and little Les Koenning. Terry Tausch (260) is a fine tackle, joined in the front wall by Les Studdard (246), guards Joe Shearin and Donald Sirles, and center Mike Baab (250), if Baab comes back from an injury.

The Longhorns lost their top four defensive ends, All-America tackle Steve McMichael and three-fourths of an excellent secondary. The key to Texas's early-season success may be the rapid development of replacements.

It's not that talent is lacking. For one thing Akers can field a tall defense, with 6-6 tackle Ken Sims, 6-6 end Ken McCune, and 6-6 outside linebacker Bruce Scholtz.

Sims (265 and mobile) and Steve Massey (250) played almost as much as the departed tackle starters a year ago. They will be solid. McCune (245) has two letters at end. Dewey Turner (6-1, 225) is a sophomore letterman who could start at the other end. There will be absolutely no drop-off at linebacker, where Doug Shankle (230) has started for most of two seasons in the middle. He led the team in tackles last year with 138. Scholtz (233) on one side and veteran Robin Sendlein (6-4, 225) on the other are excellent. Plus, Texas's great recruiting haul includes a number of linebacking prospects who could make their presence felt.

Cornerback Vance Bedford (170) is the only returnee in the secondary. But Bobby Johnson (183) should step in for his graduated brother, Johnny, and Mike Hatchett (175) will replace HIS brother, Derrick. William Graham (184) or Adrian Price should fill the bill at strong safety, if Price can come back from a knee injury.

With the talent that's still around, it's hard to see a big drop for the Longhorns, but they must be ready early, with a September 1 television date against Arkansas.

BAYLOR Grant Teaff's Bears soared from a 3-8 record in 1978 to an 8-3 season in 1979, and

topped it off with a Peach Bowl victory over Clemson. The question is where do they go from here? One thing in Baylor's favor: it plays Houston, Texas, and Arkansas at home.

Teaff should field an able, even outstanding in some places, first unit. Depth could be a problem.

So could quarterback. Or, if not a problem, at least a question. As a freshman last fall Mike Brannan took charge and starred in the Peach Bowl. But he also suffered a knee injury, and the 180-pounder missed spring training. If he can't go full speed, either David Mangrum (190) or Jay Jeffrey, both perhaps better passers than Brannan, will step in. And there is always freshman Alfred Anderson, the top Texas schoolboy quarterback a year ago. Talent is there, but not much experience.

Walter Abercrombie (203) is the complete running back, a junior who needs only 167 yards to become Baylor's all-time rusher. Paired with him is Dennis Gentry (180), who carried for 511 yards last year himself, and Fred Hall (193), who came on strong in the spring. The Bears are ground-oriented, and Abercrombie is essential. Robert "Radar" Holt (178) and Mike Fisher are good wide receivers, while Raymond Cockrell (226) returns at tight end.

The offensive line will reflect youth, with only center Buzzy Nelson and guard Frank Ditta (247) owning starting credentials. Senior Eddy Gregory or sophomore Bobby Glass (245) will be at one tackle, with soph Mark Adickes (255) at the other. Mark Kirchner (246), another sophomore, draws a guard berth.

If you want to see a Baylor fan smile, ask him about linebackers. The Bears have a bunch of good ones. Indeed, no team may have a better starting threesome than Mike Singletary, Doak Field, and Lester Ward. Singletary (230) is already an All-America, a two-time all-conference player who has made 517 tackles in three seasons, including a remarkable 232 stops in 1979. He roams the middle, with Field (230) on one side and speedster Ward (200) on the other.

There is depth there, too, so much that sophomore Charles Benson (237) will wind up at defensive end in a rebuilt four-man line. The other end will be either Max McGahey, sophomore Travis Selph, or Kent Townsend (228). Joe Campbell (6-0, 254) returns to his familiar tackle position, paired with talented junior letterman Tommy Tabor (6-3, 259).

Only free safety Vann McElroy returns in the secondary, but help is on the way. Cedric Mack (182) and Thomas Earl Young (164) both saw action a year ago and will be counted on as cornerback replacements, while ex-quarterback Vic Vines (180) or Scott Smith will be at strong safety. Incoming freshmen might help here, too.

Baylor plusses include a strong game from punter Ron Stowe and kicker Robert Bledsoe and a lot of carry-over confidence.

SMU Ron Meyer promises one thing for his fifth year of building on the Hilltop: the Mustangs will be better offensively and defensively. They are ready to contend.

They could even be better than the team Meyer THOUGHT he was going to field a year ago. A rash of injuries spoiled that campaign and led to a 5-6 record. Now the injured players are back, especially quarterback Mike Ford.

Ford (6-3, 220) passed for more than 5,000 yards in two seasons (1977-78). He had 17 touchdown throws in 1978. But he played only a game and a half last fall before he was felled by a knee injury. Recovering from surgery, he came down with hepatitis and missed spring training. But he is an enormous talent, and should reclaim his quarterback job despite the presence of Jim Bob Taylor (195), who threw for 1,001 yards himself while Ford was out. Ford, by the way, is still only a junior, having received an NCAA hardship exemption.

The Ponies are in good shape over the rest of the offense. Running backs Craig James (210) and Eric Dickerson (205) return, a year older and wiser, as do fullbacks Lott McIlhenny (230) and Michael Charles (204). Gary Smith, Anthony Smith, and 9.3 sprinters James Collier and Mitchell Bennett are the wide receivers,



while Clement Fox (220) steps in at tight end. The large and experienced line will be built around center Lance Pederson (240), guards Mike Mason (245) and Perry Hartnett (260), and tackles Mike Jusko (267) and Lee Spivey (270).

The story is much the same on defense. Nine starters are back, plus some top performers who were hurt a year ago. There is a little uncertainty in the defensive line, where the two missing starters were fixtures. But Harvey Armstrong (255) returns, an outstanding tackle. The other tackle spot should belong to Michael Carter (6-2, 235), the NCAA shot-put champion who was a freshman starter last year until injured early in the season. Waldo Theus (217) will be an active nose guard, while Scott Gibson (230) and David Marshall (250) are other available veterans.

Byron Hunt (6-5, 215) and Jared Moore return as outside linebackers in the 3-4 defense. Eric Ferguson (6-3, 245) provides bulk at one inside linebacker, while Pete Collins (205) provides talent at the other.

The Mustangs could field one of the better defensive backfields in the southwest. Indeed, veterans are stacked two-deep. John Simmons (188) and Charles Bruton (192) are excellent at the corners. Wes Hopkins (189) and Mark Gibson (195) both have starting experience and will duel at strong safety. Blane Smith (191), another 1979 injury victim, comes back as the free safety.

If Ford comes back strong, SMU could have the best passing attack AND the best rushing in the conference. On experience alone, the defense should be formidable. At last, it may be first division time for Meyer's Mustangs.

TEXAS TECH The Red Raiders are becoming a southwest enigma. When their offense looks the worst, it's time for opponents to get ready. So it's a worrisome thing that James Hadnot, who pounded opposing lines for 2,700 yards in two years, is gone. The question: who will be the new Hadnot?

Here's a team whose most experienced running back, Mark Olbert (5-11, 190), carried the ball only 31 times last fall. The top two tailbacks,

Greg Tyler (185) and Anthony Hutchison (180), combined for 56 yards last season.

Yet Tech may have a more formidable offense than it had in 1979, when problems moving the ball, and scoring, led to a 3-6-2 record, well below expectations. For one thing, quarterback Ron Reeves (6-2, 210) returns from an injury-plagued sophomore season with hopes of regaining the form that made him a freshman standout in 1978. If he can't do it, look for speedy Jim Hart or option expert Randy Page. Long-distance threat Edwin Newsome is back at flanker, with Renie Baker at split end and L.M. Cummings the tight end. More passing is expected.

In front of them is a mostly-veteran offensive line built around tackle Robert Caughlin (259), guard Mark Gesch (270), and center Denny Harris (230). Tracy Kensing (235) moves in at the other tackle, with giant sophomore Matt Harlien (265) manning the guard spot.

The real beauty for Tech is the defense, which held its own against some high-powered attacks last year and possesses some intriguing talents, such as nose guard Gabriel "Senor Sack" Rivera.

Rivera is 6-3, 305 pounds and runs an honest 4.9 for 40 yards. Especially when he's chasing a quarterback. Last year, as a hungry and growing freshman and part-time starter, he had more tackles than any other Tech lineman. Lined up beside Rivera in the Raider front wall are veteran tackles Jamie Giles (260) and Jim Verden (240). Hans Bischoff (215) provides excellent relief for Rivera. The ends will be Jeff McKinney (220) on one side and either Lewis Washington or Roger Jones on the other.

Moving into the lineup at inside linebacker will be Rusty Maroney (215) and either C.M. Pier (200) or Terry Baer (218).

Tech offers an excellent set of deep backs in free safety Ted Watts (180) and strong safety Tate Randle (195). Watts doubles as a dangerous punt returner, while Randle picked off six passes last season. At the corners are Alan Swann, a 1978 freshman starter who was

injured all of 1979, and Ricky Sanders.

There's a lack of depth in spots, and some question marks (such as Swann's health, and Reeves's ability to perform as he did two years ago) in the outlook at Tech. But the offense will be more varied, and the punting remains strong with Maury Buford (43.8 average), and there's always that solid defense. That's why they are NOT downhearted on the West Texas plains.

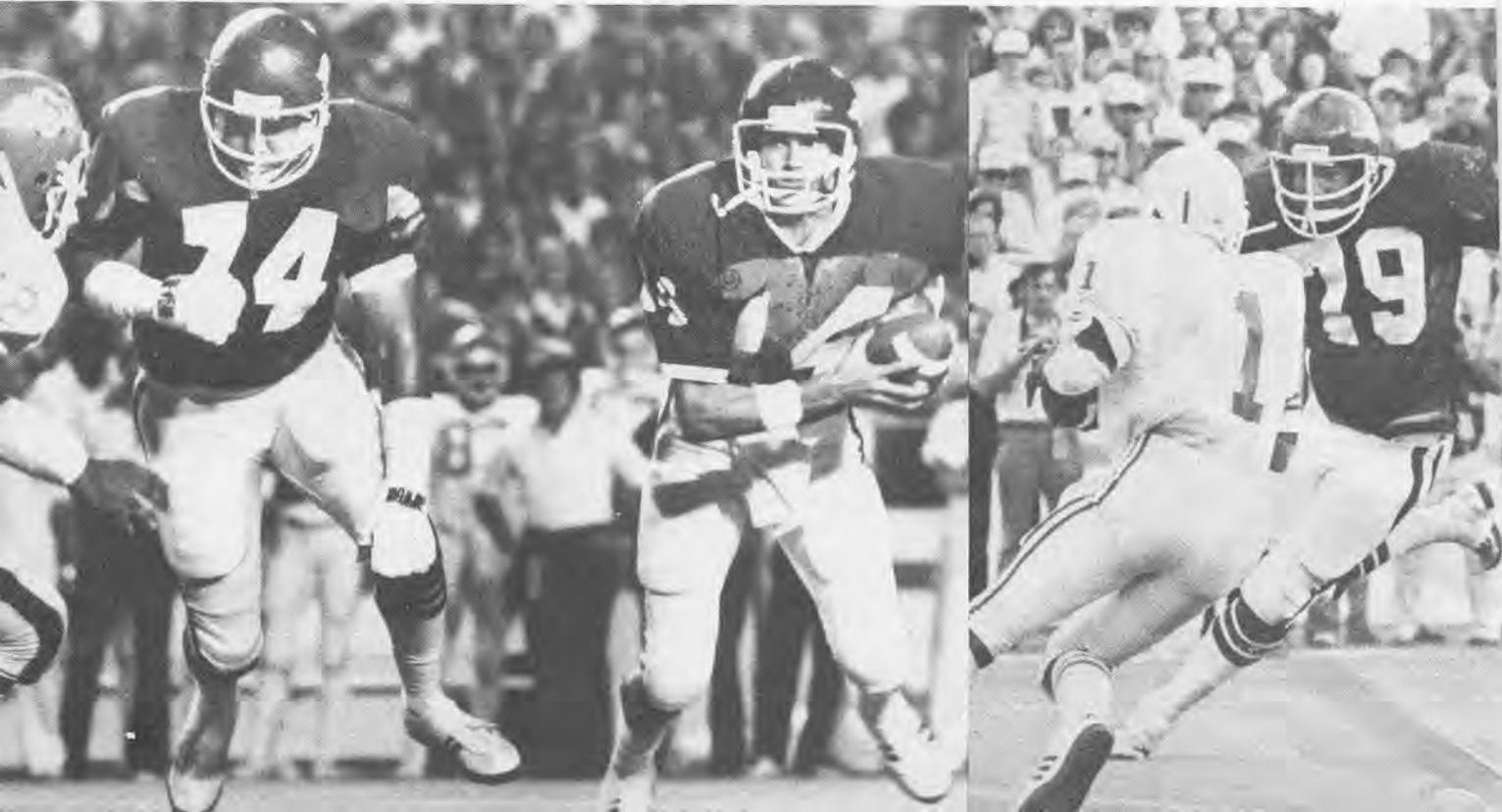
TCU The Horned Frogs have been going along winning a couple of games each year, but last year they showed signs of snapping to attention. Now, despite a wet-eared secondary and some other obvious problems, they think they are ready to make a move and improve on 1979's 2-8-1 record.

Injuries have been a problem recently, but now F.A. Dry seems to have more depth. He also has more speed, more size, more of just about everything. Maybe there IS room for optimism. The keys will be the rapid maturity of that secondary, locating a solid fullback, settling on a tight end, and the greater strength of the offensive line.

The quarterbacking should be competent. Kevin Haney (210) became a big-play surprise last year (he beat Tulsa with a 77-yard quarterback draw), rushing for 421 yards. Now his passing has improved. Sophomore Reuben Jones (200), veteran Steve Stamp, and strong-armed Eddie Clark are also in the picture. The big news of spring training was the rushing of Michael Wright (205) and Marcus Gilbert (185, 4.5 speed), who will share the halfback duties. J.C. Morris (188), one of eight probable sophomore starters, is a step ahead of West Brooks (220) at fullback.

An able receiving corps is headed by swift Phillip Epps, Bobby Stewart, and Stan Talley (6-6, 220). Talley can also play tight end, where Daron Mosley holds forth as a solid blocker.

Center Mike Hartman (250) and guards Donald Ray Richard (260) and Don Baker (260) form a strong middle for the line. The tackles will come from Dudley Stephenson, Steve Wilson, Eric McCree (285), and Bob Fields.



Defensively the Frogs rely on a strong, mobile, and experienced "front seven" to take some pressure off the young secondary. Tackle Charles Champine (252, 4.8 speed) could be one of the best in the league. The other tackle will be steady John McClean (230) or swift transfer Shawn King (230), with powerful Garland Short (265) at nose guard.

On the flanks, the outside linebackers will be Joe Vail (6-4, 215) and Mike Dry (6-4, 215), both experienced hands. One of the strengths of the defense is the inside linebacking provided by Kelvin Newton (6-1, 222) and Darrell Patterson (215), backed up by veteran Jimmy Bayuk. Newton led the team in tackles last year, Bayuk the year before. Patterson came in to start 11 games as a freshman, earning newcomer-of-the-year honors in the SWC.

There is greater speed in the secondary, but a lack of size and experience. Thomas Bell and Louis Smith are small, fast corners. Robert Lyles (205) has great sophomore potential at strong safety. Transfer Tracy Philyaw (185) and hurdler Ken Bener (175) will share free safety. The secondary, along with tight end and fullback, is ripe for an injection of freshman assistance.

The thing is that for once the Frogs might not need much more assistance to become highly dangerous.

RICE After a 1-10 season (0-8 in the SWC) last year, the Owls have a lot of revenge on their minds. They also retain more question marks than any other SWC outfit. For instance, Ray Alborn has an experienced squad (22 seniors) but not one that has a winning experience. He's "veering" away from Rice's traditional aerial circus to a run-oriented attack, but does he have the material to handle it? And Rice is counting on the contributions of some injury victims and others not present for spring drills.

With the change to a veer-option offense, senior three-letter quarterback Randy Hertel (180) must fight off sophomore Scott Clements (185). Hertel led the SWC in passing yardage last year, but Clements is a more adept runner.

There could even be an opening here for a couple of highly-touted freshmen.

Tim Sanders (195) rushed for 351 yards as a freshman, and should help the veer attack. Frank Wilson (235) is a bull in the backfield, while Cleo Lewis (185) is a fabled junior-college runner due to report in the fall. He could help.

Some excellent receivers are available, starting with tight end honors candidate Robert Hubble (6-8, 240), a former hurdler who caught 32 passes last year and can do it all. Hosea Fortune and Bobby Williams should be the wide receivers.

There should be an all-veteran offensive line, built around outstanding center Keith Kveton (230). Newell Wallace (247) returns at tackle, while ex-nose guard Darryl Grant (239) should grab the other tackle spot. Another refugee from the defense, Donny Martin (235), joins returnee Paul Garcia (240) at guard.

Last year the Owls surrendered 418 points, but suffered from injuries on defense. The injuries are still a problem, possibly hampering efforts to shore up the defense. But Rice could put an excellent secondary on the field, led by speedsters Rickey Thomas (167) and Mike Downs (177). With Thomas at cornerback will be Nathan Beck (175) or letterman Odis Mack. Downs will handle free safety with David Darr, yet another three-lettered senior, at monster.

There are more question marks up front. Tom Adams (260) is a fine defensive tackle—if he is available. If he isn't, Cenzie Pierson (6-7, 230) could pair up at tackle with JC transfer Rodney Williams (240). Bryan Hill (215) lends experience at nose guard. Will Rub (216) and William Knowles are solid veterans at defensive end—if health permits. Marc Seguin (220) and Bryan Phillips are also available.

The story is similar at linebacker, where Robert Williamson has been a standout but also must come back from injuries. Wayne Harpold (210) and Lamont Jefferson (210) are other solid returnees.

It's a matter of "ifs" for Rice. If the veer is successful, and if the questions on defense are

answered, the Owls could be a big surprise to start the new decade.

INDEPENDENTS

NORTH TEXAS STATE With SMU, Houston, Brigham Young, and Miami on the schedule, the Mean Green has to plug some holes to hope for much improvement on last year's 5-6 record.

But Jerry Moore, in his first head coaching assignment, feels that a year on the job will help, especially in development of his slot-I attack. And there are 12 returning starters among the 37 lettermen on hand.

Joe Stevenson, for instance, is still around to step in at quarterback. Stevenson passed for 470 yards last year, but has competition from junior-college transfer Justin Wilson (185). Leading receiver Pete Harvey (167) had 37 catches a year ago, while Darrell Terrell moves up at split end and Mark Witte (203) returns at tight end.

Bernard Jackson (2,200 yards in two years) and Malcolm Jones (498 yards) are both available at tailback, with Lee English (212) the top fullback. Jim Lemming (255) and Rudy Phillips (225) are again on the right side of the line, while lettermen Zene Renfroe (261), James Perry (233), and Toby Bowen (237) should ably fill the other spots.

A more solid defense is expected, too, if the linebacking comes through. Louis Haynes (199) moved from linebacker to defensive end, competing with Jimmy Croft, a 1979 injury victim. That leaves the linebacking up to Johnnie Holmes (212), Harlan Jefferson (191), or possibly Kerry Tecklenberg.

Paul Nance handles the other end position. Charlie Young (280) has a great future at defen-

Arkansas's George Stewart (far left) was All-SWC in 1979. Jim Elliott (center) anchors Hogs' defense. Gary Anderson (below) ran for 438 yards last year.





Mike Singletary was SWC defensive player of 1978 and 1979.



Walt Abercrombie needs 167 yards to be Bears' all-time rusher.



Doak Field's interception preserved Peach Bowl for Baylor.

sive tackle, where Tony Elliott (237) also should start. Nelson Barnes (234) is an experienced nose guard.

North Texas should field a young but excellent group of defensive backs. David Morris (178) and Greg Womble (175) both return as cornerbacks. Dale Moses (185) is a hitter at safety and Jay Record also has experience.

A lot of the key defensive hands—including all the top linebackers—are sophomores, but they were trained under fire as freshmen during an injury-plagued campaign.

An additional plus is the return of Whit Smith to handle both the punting and place-kicking chores (16 of 19 extra points, 6 of 10 field goals) and the game-breaking ability of Harvey and Jackson as kick returners.

TEXAS LUTHERAN The Bulldogs will field an outstanding defense, but may put pressure on it with an inexperienced offense as they try to rise from a 4-6 record.

There is a strong defensive front, anchored by end Ron Glenewinkel and guard Mark Faldyn. Alex Richter (215) is on the other flank, with Rusty Guenther (260) and Kip Nelson at tackles. Dan Church, Kirby Cline (220), and Forrest Pierdolla (215) are the linebackers, with Al Gilmore (185), Shelby Fike, Hector de la Garza, and David Spott in the secondary.

A quarterback must be found, but there is size and skill on offense. B.J. McKinney (205) and Joe Little (270) are the ends, with Joe Gendron and Don Shirtcliff (265) at tackle, Jeff Yates and Marc Carpenter (225) at guard, and Tim Mickan (225) at center. Donnie Vorpahl and Brad Trietsch (200) could be the best of the running backs.

SOUTHLAND

LAMAR In Larry Kennan's first year as coach, the Cardinals rose to a 6-3-2 record and third in the SLC. Despite the loss of some key performers, they should make a strong bid for the title in 1980.

Gone is standout passer Larry Haynes, but Boyd Sutherland (169) is primed to take his place, throwing to excellent receivers like tight end Alfred Mask (202; 38 catches), split end Sam Choice, flanker Ronnie Stiger, and backs Ben Booker (174) and Mike Ellis (198). Blocking for this aerial circus will be center Mike Sanders (246), tackles Harry Cole (264) and Rick Gann (241), and guards Arnold Wade (241) and Keith Holden.

Tackle Randall Byrd (246) and end Ruben Jordan (188) are excellent veterans on defense, joined up front by tackle Calvin Roberson (245), end John Christian (212), and guard Jim Jiral (215). Justin Eicher (214) and Charles Broussard are the linebackers, with Johnny Ray Smith (169), Darryl Smith (168), David Brooker (183), and Lincoln Wheeler (183) in the secondary.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON The Mavericks come off their best season in more than a decade, but to match last year's 9-2 mark Bud Elliott needs to find replacements at quarterback and in the offensive line.

Transfer Scott Logan (185) may be the quarterback answer, and he has capable wishbone veterans in halfbacks Phillip Jessie (185) and Tony Felder (185). Anthony Price (230) moves in at fullback. Don DeLeo and Gilbert Smith are swift receivers, and Gary Lewis (225) an enormous talent at tight end. Center Murray Francis

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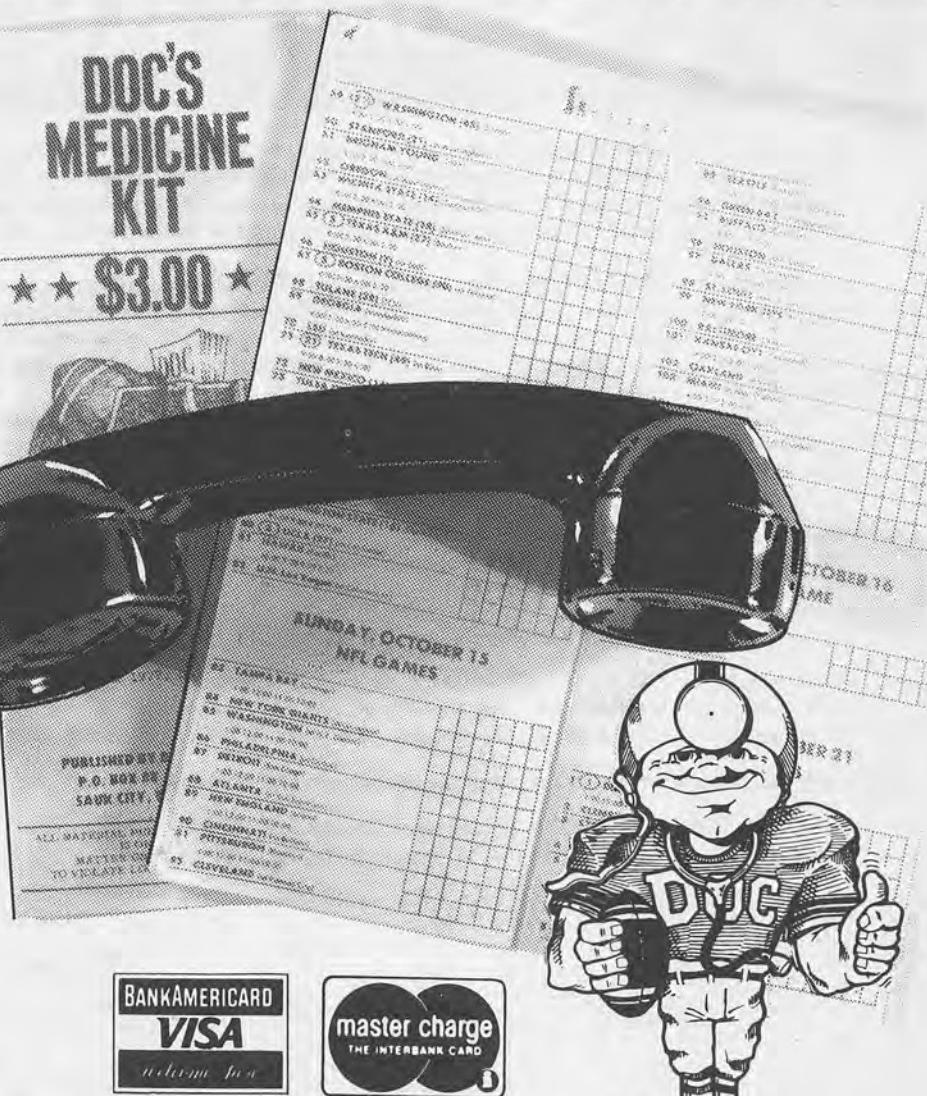


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(240) anchors the line, where Cliff Hahne and Kevin LeBlanc operate at tackle and David Clunk (245) and Tom Browning (260) at guard.

Ray Webb (255) and Keith Pressley return to the front four on defense, joined by Arizona McGrew and Marion Thompson. Bud McCluskey (220), Mike Brooks (215), and Mark Kitchin will be the linebackers. Greg Wright (180) heads a secondary of Mel Maxfield (four interceptions last year), Keith Corrigan (190), and Tracy Bullard (190).

McNEESE The good news is that last fall the Cowboys went 11-0. The bad news is that only eight starters return from that team. The bad news for opponents is that there is still a lot of talent available.

Either Wendell Lejeune (204) or Steve Starring (164) will be the new quarterback, with slippery veteran Theron McClendon available to run with the ball. Randy Branch, Mike Kysar, and Louis Landry are the receivers. Brett Martin (224) is a savvy guard, with Chuck Peltier (260), Lonnie Collins (240), Jim Richard (232), and Joey Gregory filling out the line. Kicker-punter Don Stump is an added weapon.

So is the defense, if a secondary can be rebuilt. Ends Rusty Guibeau (230) and Bruce Boales and tackle Clay Carroll are still in the line, along with Leroy Gedward. Daryl Burkel (195) is an excellent linebacker, flanked by Mike Smith (218) and Craig Cryer (211). Clay Rougeau, Bernard Bell, and Robert Davenport are the top defensive backs.

ARKANSAS STATE Larry Lacewell was 4-7 in his first year at ASU, and now he must rebuild, with only eight returning starters.

Only one of five quarterbacks on the squad has been in a college game and he (Rick Spivey) has taken only four snaps. There are a few experienced running backs like Lee Charles Wright, Bill Johnson (200), and Waddell Kelly. Jerry Mack (205) returns at tight end, while Ken Armbrust (235), Paul Gilbow (230), and standout center John McCaughey (230) also lend experience.

End Victor Montgomery, tackle Steve Olliges (230), and guard Thomas Johnson are able defenders, as are linebackers Steve Shrable (215) and Donnie Morrison (200). Tim Allison (190) at strong safety and Darell Holifield (170) at cornerback lend some experience to the secondary.

LOUISIANA TECH In Billy Brewer, the Bulldogs greet their third head coach in as many years. Brewer's job is to find improvement among 39 lettermen from a 3-8 team of last season.

He has excellent receivers in flanker Freddie Brown (170), split end Leland Padgett, and tight end Trey Junkin (210), but there is a new quarterback, Matt Dunigan (175). Carlton Jacobs and Jessie Clark (220) will handle the rushing game. In front of them are tackles Tuck Bassett (240) and Chris Marler, guards Rodger Green and Ricky Hinton, and center Leonard McAngus (220).

There is less experience available on defense, but tackle Johnny Robinson (260) is a standout returnee. Other line positions fall to Mike McHale, Ed Jackson, Mike Nickel, and



Mustang QB Mike Ford led the nation in total offense in 1978.

Chuck Edwards, Tony Tademy (225), Marshall Cowley (225), and Andre Young (200) are likely linebackers, while Kenny Simms, Earl Thaxton (180), Mark Buchanan, and Haywood Dejean make up the secondary.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Sam Robertson takes over a Cajun team which finished 4-7 a year ago but has 14 returning starters. It is still a young team, perhaps a year away despite the presence of some outstanding performers.

Rodney Smith (170) heads that list, a unanimous all-conference halfback who gained 137 yards per game as an all-purpose runner. Getting the ball to Smith will be quarterback Phil Reynolds (179), with Ed Blanco (210) the other running back and Doug Waddell and Clark Charles at the wide receivers. Across the front are tight end Mike Hoffman, tackles Mark Hernandez (250) and Tyrone Copper, guards Clay Wade and Keith Hall (both Juco transfers), and center J.R. Courville (251).

If Rob Falivene and Danny Williams come through at linebacker, SLU will have a tough defense. End Randy Thomas (206) and tackle Jeff Holm (242) are excellent, with Marcus Wright, Ken Head, and Jeff Tanguis also present. Michael DuPree, Mark Scott, Ronnie Nunez (182), and Lynn Terrell (180) are formidable defensive backs.

Jeff McKinney is stalwart at LB for Texas Tech. Ron Reeves (above) reclaims QB post.



LONE STAR CONFERENCE

TEXAS A&I Last year the Javelinas were surprise Lone Star champions and went on to claim their fifth national (NAIA) championship of the 1970's. Now Ron Harms has a host of veterans returning from that 12-1 team.

Nine starters are back on the defense, led by fierce linebackers Dennis Pannell (240) and Joe Barefield (200). David Mims and Gerald Allen return at the ends, with Leroy Seidel, Chris Cernosek (240), and Craig Dair (230) inside. Emmanuel Thompson (175) and Don Washington (190) each had six interceptions a year ago, and are joined in the secondary by Durwood

Roquemore and Darrell Green.

The offense needs a quarterback—Tim Hawkins, Alan Roberson, or Randy Cretors—to take charge. John Herrera (170) is a marvelous receiver (8 TD's). The other targets are Larry James (185) and tight end Gary Aguayo (230), with Marcus Bonner and Tommy Richard (200) the running backs. Royce Nitschman (240) and Henry Pullam are the tackles, with Stuart Isdale (225) and Melvin Roland at guard and Ron Rude seal (235) at center.

ANGELO STATE Angelo may have had the second best NAIA team in the land last year, but couldn't beat Texas A&I in two tries. Now if the defense can be satisfactorily rebuilt, the Bobcats will make another run at it, hoping to improve on a 9-3 record.

Doug Kuhlmann (178) is a big plus at quarterback, while Kelvin Ratliff (198) is a top running back, probably lined up this year with Marvin Childs. Ends Brian McLaughlin (225) and Paul Miller are experienced receivers. And few college lines will be larger than Angelo's with tackles Ben Barley (279) and Guy Sellers (260), guards Kevin Steen (252) and Larry Berry, and center James Timms.

All-America linebacker Clayton Weishuhn (200) leads the defense, along with safety Darnell White (200). Larry Jackson (243) and transfer Jennings Teal (230) are the other line-





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Tackle Jeff Holm leads the defensive charge for USL Cajuns.

backers. David Knowles is an able free safety, while transfers Tommy Jammer and Alex Francis will figure in at cornerback. The front four could be shaped around ends Mike Crowl and Bill Bethel and tackles David Watts (246) and Bruce Garcia (260).

SOUTHWEST TEXAS All Jim Wacker

needs is some running backs and defensive linemen. As it is, his second edition at Southwest Texas should equal or better last year's 7-4 mark.

A good starting point is the veteran offensive line, featuring tackle Paul Thornton (230) and center Kelly Monk (220), if Monk recovers fully from knee surgery. Tackle Pete Racicot (242) is

another returning starter, while Greg Gilcrease (242) and Mike Wynn (230) are the guards. Greg Hamilton and Mike Miller are both experienced quarterbacks, but Donnie Williams (185) is the only proven runner. Billy Dunk (188) is a superior split end. Tight end will be in good hands if David Bailiff (228) is healthy.

The defensive front will be rebuilt around ends Joey Korzekwa and Chip Hinkle, tackles Frank Hopson and Rick Sowell, and guard Trussell. Charles Burlemon and Norris Powell are excellent linebackers and the secondary of Tracy Smith (178), Albert Purdy, Bobby Watkins, and Brad Wright returns intact.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN If a quarterback successor to passing whiz John Mayes can be found, the Wildcats could match last year's 7-4 record.

The top candidates are returnees Kelly West and Baylor Brown and transfers Glen Stirman and Keith Pappas. The running game is in able hands with tailback Steve Worthey (190) and fullback Bob Shipley, while Steve Thomas and Bobby Scheihing are standout receivers. Jay Seely (260), Kris Hansen, and Travis Wells are returning starters in the line.

The defense is led by linemen Kenny Davidson (230) and Scot Goen (225), linebackers Greg Adams and Steve Freeman, and backs Vin Smith, Vince Ford, and Norman Grimes.

S.F. AUSTIN The Lumberjacks are trying to climb the Lone Star ladder, and they are banking on solid defense and an improving offense to equal last year's 8-3 finish.

One of the conference's best defensive fronts will be formed by outstanding ends Clay Ruyle (230) and Orlando Godfrey (222) and tackles Mike Hancock (6-5, 243) and Ben Watts (257). There is excellent linebacking from Donnie Dinges (212), Gene Hicks (207), and Roger Adams. Gifford Coles (175), Larry Thompson (180), Barry Ford, and Greg Carney man the secondary.

Offensively, letterman Gary Jentz and transfer Carl Mitchell compete at quarterback. They have a formidable weapon in All-America running back Paul Hood (180), who rushed for 1,332 yards and 17 touchdowns last year. Freddie Reed and flanker Ronnie Perkins fill out the backfield. Bill Cosper (6-5, 225) is back at tight end, with transfer center Myron Anderson joining a line of tackles Danny Bogar (237) and Ruben Saenz and guards Roger Cannon (214) and Bard Aduddell (231).

EAST TEXAS STATE In his seventeenth season at East Texas, Ernest Hawkins is counting on quarterback Wade Wilson and a tough defense to improve on a 5-5 record.

Wilson (6-4, 220) passed for 1,826 yards last season. Randy Smith, Frank Moore (235), and Ricky Spence are likely receivers, while Ted Sample (210) and Cary Noel (200) offer power at running back. Mark Childers, Ebbie Watson (230), Pete Roos, Dean Hillebert, and center Blake Cooper (230) are leading linemen.

Danny Kirk (225) is a standout linebacker, joined by Kennis Miles and Cliff Waters. Brian Barnes (235) lends strength at end, with David Lowe, Curtis Ray (230), and Jimmy Buster filling out the front four. Anthony Freeman (195), Darren Smith, Marshall Smith, and Anthony Akins are in the secondary.

HOWARD PAYNE Relying heavily on 25

transfer athletes, Harold Mayo will have a bigger, faster, and older team trying to improve on a 2-8 record.

Even the backs are big. Kevin Kalmus (220) or Brad Frazier (215) will be the quarterback, with Levi Morrison (225) and Ken Kelson (215) the runners. Tim Orr (6-5, 215), Chris Jones, and Kevin Taylor (220) are the receivers, with Bobby Kelley (250), Gary Gibson (275), Bryan Davis (240), Ronnie Moten (250), and Howard Stovall (250) in the line.

The defense is built around linebackers Robert Morrison (250), Huris Simien (243), and Gary Hulme (210). Cedric Prosser and Joe Mitchell are the ends, with mammoth Greg Zulkowski (290) and Clifford Bowser (270) at tackle. Bernard Sirles, Michael Leaks, Michael Mitchell, and Eric Howard man the secondary.

SAM HOUSTON STATE The Bearcats hope a double dose of firepower will mean improvement on a 1-9 record.

Arthur Louis (180) is a dandy passer, with 4,631 yards in three years at the helm. The idea is to get the ball to Tony January (170), all-conference performer who had six runs of 65 yards or more and caught 25 passes. Tim Kroon and Ricky Hastings are other targets. On the line are tight end Frankie Reescano, tackles Jeff Monzingo (240) and Roger Holtkamp, guards Robert Stogsdill and Chuck Knight, and center Gerry Hoerster.

Defensively, Derrick Choice and Roy Kruemke are on the flanks, with Danny Mayfield, Albert Linton (240), and Mike McClellan across the middle. Ronnie Hawkins, Billy Goeke (215), and Wes Welch are able linebackers. Bobby Coleman and Vindell Freeney (170) are the cornerbacks, with Vernon Burleson (200) and James Shipley (185) at safeties.

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AUSTIN COLLEGE The Kangaroos return 37 lettermen—18 of them starters—from a 9-2 team which won the conference title and was ranked fifth in the nation (NAIA Division II).

The offensive punch is there for a repeat performance, starting with quarterback Larry Shillings, who threw for 1,376 yards and 14 touchdowns as a freshman. Rickey Turner (185) and Kelly Hyde (180) are outstanding runners, while Doug Gollahan (38 catches), Steve Sullivan, and Rory Dukes return to catch Shillings' passes. All-conference tackle Ty Quick (260) and guard Brent Hollensed (240) anchor a line which includes Phil Kramer, Dan Parnell, and Bill Leonard.

The defense returns almost intact, led by secondary aces Leonard Harris (150), who had seven interceptions, Chris Luper (170), and Ronnie Roberson (190). Linebacker Mark Howeth (225) had 87 tackles last season and is paired with Jeff Robbins (195). Paul Gardner (200) and Kevin Woodrow are the defensive ends, with Larry Hickman and Jeff Broyles at tackle and Mark Sartain (185) at nose guard.

TARLETON STATE Buddy Fornes's Texans will rely on a strong veer running attack in a bid to improve on last year's 6-4 record.

The key figure may be sophomore running back Ricky Bush (180), who gained 810 yards in six starts last year and threw in a 99-yard kickoff

runback. Transfer Steve Dean (185) may be the quarterback with Henry Mills (195) at the other running back spot. The offensive line could be a strong point, with Larry Tidwell (215) and Tony Martinez (225) at tackle, Greg Reece and Randy Crook (230) at guard, and Mike Whaley (225) the center.

The defense is bolstered by the return of 1978 All-America Gary Wright at end. Gail Weldon (215), Barry Cox, and Larry Fowler should fill out the front wall. The linebacking is strong, led by Bobby Rodriguez (185), Jose Martinez (230), and Tony Viotto. Reny Laughlin (180), Mike Wrzesinski (185), Bradley Graves, and Greg Edwards are the best bets in a rebuilt secondary.

SUL ROSS Only 4-6 a year ago, the Lobos seem primed for a title challenge in the wide-open TIAA with a flock of returning starters.

Sophomore quarterback Larry Hill (180) may be the key after leading the conference with 115 completions in seven games as a freshman. He has Willie Rodriguez (205) and Mike Richardson for running help and an excellent tight end, Jimbo Amberson (225). Tackle Roger Henry (220), guard Freddy Sanchez (220), and center Joe Alex Leal (215) are outstanding veterans in the line.

Linebacker David Sanchez (220) and All-America safety Bernie Weems (195) pace the defense. Billy Tilton (240) anchors the line, with Jamie Leal (220) and Steve Thiebeaud (195) at ends, Chris Kessler and Joel Acosta at linebacker, and Malcolm Moerbe, Art Rodriguez, and Charlie Nelson completing the secondary.

McMURRY The Indians lost five all-conference players from an 8-3 team and face a major offensive rebuilding.

The defense could be solid, with large linemen like Mark Behrens (250), LeRoy Duncan (228), and Mark Alexander (235) flanked by ends Jimmy Lynn (212) and Greg Baley (192). Willie Sublet, Mike Hoover, Richard Olson, and Armando Morales (215) are leading candidates at linebacker. Horace Robins is a secondary standout, joined by Rocky Cozart (160), David Spencer (175), Richard Spencer (165), and perhaps Nate Dyles or Charles Weston.

Ricky Sells and Mark Cox (196) will probably be at quarterback in the inexperienced offense. Dudley Woodard (182) is an able runner, and Randy Tarrant and Brad Woods are the wide receivers. Again, there is a good size up front with tight end David Davee (214), tackles Stan Carter (225) and Steve Reimschussel (222), guards Mark Wilcoxson (238) and Ricky Nolly (245), and center Luke Taylor (236).

TRINITY Offensive strength and firepower make the Tigers dangerous as they come back from their first losing season (4-7) in the TIAA.

Karl Meisenbach (180) is at quarterback, with speed and a slingshot arm. Allen Rousseau (200) and Kenny Sykes (185) are the running backs, with Paul Pavaglio (210) and Greg Brodman (215) in a two tight end setup and Rich Nicholson as an excellent wide receiver. Matt Stolhandske (265) owns all-conference credentials at tackle, and is joined in the line by Tom Fleener, David Burroughs, and Greg Ferrara.

There are more questions on defense, but not about secondary performers Jody Sawyer (165), David Bordelon, and John Patterson. Tommy Mathews (210), Pablo Campos, Mark Ihle (235), and Shelly Malone are the front four, with Rey Hinojosa and Richard Williams the top linebackers.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN Last year, its first in intercollegiate football, LCC went 1-8. Now the idea is to become competitive, with a mostly freshman-sophomore squad.

Experienced hands offensively include quarterbacks Ken Allison, Curtis Dean, and Glen Boomer, running backs Ted Thornton (195) and Pat Worthy, tight end Kirk Byerly (6-4, 215), split end Darrell Cash, and linemen Wade Welch (215), Dayton Sellers, Tim Snyder, and Rick Eaton (225).

There is more uncertainty and position shifting of defense, where Mark Morgan (220) could be an outstanding linebacker and Neal Sales (215) already has all-conference recognition at tackle. Bobby McBride, Roland Mosley, Mike Ritchie, and Pat Randolph are leading secondary candidates. The team could again wind up being dominated by freshmen.

Hosea Taylor (#90) blocked Arkansas FG to give Houston 13-10 win.



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by ARNIE BURDICK

There's a burst of aggressiveness as the staid old East enters the eighties. In fact, at least three of the sectors' major independents—Syracuse, West Virginia, and Penn State—are betting on the future of collegiate football as well as on the national economy.

For the Orange and the Mountaineers are both constructing new, modern 50,000-seat football stadiums on campus, while the Nittany Lions are adding another 7,000 seats to bring Beaver Stadium's capacity up to about 84,000, or more than double the current population of State College, where the Mount Nittany received mail back in 1887 when it fielded its first grid team.

INDEPENDENTS

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4. West Virginia, 5. Temple, 6. Boston College,
7. Navy, 8. Rutgers, 9. Villanova, 10. Army,
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7. Slippery Rock

Syracuse, which played in an ancient concrete saucer—Archbold Stadium—for more than seven decades, has gone mod. Its inspirational Carrier Dome will be a Teflon-covered, all-weather facility that will be used the year-round for all sports, recreation, and other student activities. It could also turn the Orange from a perennial rushing leader, due to playing in more than its share of foul weather, into an aerial-minded operation. That would be a switch after all of the Jimmy Browns and Floyd Littles and Ernie Davis and Larry Csonka that have rolled off the Syracuse assembly line.

Which brings us to 1980 and SU's Joe Morris, who needs only 562 yards in his junior year to surge past all of the other greats and become the Orange's all time career rushing leader.

The compact, explosive Morris is just one of many outstanding stars back to spark Eastern teams. Perhaps the most notable returnee is Pitt's All-America end Hugh Green, probably the best defensive player in the land; Mark May, maybe the best offensive lineman; Danny Marino, one of the most talented young QB's in the nation, plus such other sticklers as tight end Benjie Pryor and running back Randy McMillan.

passers in the country. Other Eastern stick-outs are Larry Kubin, DE at Penn State; Frank McCallister, blocky guard at Navy; Temple's wideout Gerry Lucear; West Virginia linebacker Delbert Fowler; Rutgers tackle Mark Kurdyla; Boston College's ace linebacker Jim Budness, and Villanova's exceptional receiver, Willie Sydnor.

The eighties will open in the East as a "Panther Hunt," for Jackie Sherrill's jungle cats are loaded to repeat. They wound up sixth nationally a year ago, and with some luck could make a strong run for their second national championship in five years. The resurgent Orange, if it can beef up its defense, and the unseated Nittany, if it can find a quarterback, are fingered as the most likely, if there's a breakthrough.

There were two national champs in the East last fall, and another knocking at the door. Delaware, under cool Tubby Raymond, pranced to the NCAA Division II crown, while Ithaca College, under the veteran Jim Butterfield, captured the Division III title. Meanwhile, John Whitehead's Lehigh Engineers went all the way to the Division I-AA championship finale before losing. This trio figures to field strong units.

The coaching situation in the Northeast is more stable than it's been recently, with Don Nehlen, who served at Bowling Green, hoping to fill West Virginia's new stadium with a winner, Bob Naso moving in at Columbia, while former Davidson aide Jim Colbert has taken over the reins at C.W. Post.

Overall, it's a healthy 1980 picture that's presented in the East, where college football began on a cold November day 111 years ago.

INDEPENDENTS

PITT The Panthers are a bona fide candidate for national honors. Coach Jackie Sherrill, beginning his fourth year in the City of Champions, no doubt hopes that some of the magic of the Pirates and Steelers rubs off on his well-stocked, veteran jungle cats.

Ranked sixth nationally last fall, and winners of its last ten games, Pitt has the horses to make a stout run, plus a schedule that is difficult, yet within reason. There are 50 monogram winners returning, including 16 starters. In addition, there's plenty of back-up talent, plus an incoming class that has drawn rave notices.

Not only are there numbers, but there's plenty of quality, too. Such as All-America Hugh Green, probably the best defensive player in the land; Mark May, maybe the best offensive lineman; Danny Marino, one of the most talented young QB's in the nation, plus such other sticklers as tight end Benjie Pryor and running back Randy McMillan.

Those are Sherrill's bell ringers as he makes plans to repeat as Eastern kings, as well as move up the national ladder. Pitt's regular season finale, the demolishing of Penn State in the Nittany Mountains, at last gave rise to the feeling that a new era might be dawning in the Northeast.

Pitt's Hugh Green is perhaps the best defensive player in the country, while Mark May (#73) blocks for QB Dan Marino and opens holes for Randy McMillan.



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Sherrill does have some headaches. What coach doesn't? His offensive line needs some patching and his defensive secondary could use some retooling. But overall, there's super strengths wherever you look, enough to make any grid expert realize that the Pitts are for real. Perhaps the one Achilles heel could be "senioritis." For last year's 11-1 ship was junior-oriented as it rolled to the second-best record in the school's celebrated history, en route to the Fiesta Bowl championship. "We need to run the ball better inside," vows Jackie. "We need to get better with the option."

But as long as keen Hugh Green is seen, the Panthers will be in the hunt. He's an ace defensive end-linebacker who's mussed up every rival's offense for three falls now. And his counterpart at the other flank, Ricky Jackson, is no slouch either. The middle down linemen—Bill Neill (6-4, 250), Greg Meisner (6-3, 245), and Jerry Boyarsky (6-3, 275)—are all experienced and virtually immovable. Jimbo Covert (6-5, 246) returns from injuries to spell 'em. They're the heart of a Panther defense that was fourth in the nation last fall. Linebacker Steve Fedell will back up that front, with Mark Reichard, Sal Sunseri, and Ray Lao fighting for the open spot. The deep court will be manned by such vets as Carlton Williamson, Lynn Thomas, and Terry White.

Marino, who set Pitt records by passing for 1,680 yards as a frosh, should come into his own this fall, though Rick Trocano, who started the first seven games, will have plenty of playing time, too. Their receivers should be super, led by tight end Pryor, fleet Julius Dawkins, Willie Collier, and Larry Sims and Keith Williams, a pair of rapid youngsters who sat out '79.

The running backs will be led by Randy McMillan, who provides the sure short yardage, but also is fast enough to break the big one. Rooster Jones and Artrell Hawkins can turn the corner. Up front, huge (6-6, 282) Mark May will lead the escort service. Emil Boures will work with him again. Russ Grimm will snap the ball. Bob Fada, Ron Sams, and Biff Poggi are just a few of the linemen who should move into the vacancies. True-toe Dave Trout is back to handle all of the booting.

This is a solid squad of seasoned operatives that could go all the way if it stays healthy and maintains its incentive.

SYRACUSE The Orange may have turned the corner last fall, traveling to its first post-season bowl game (the Independence) since 1966. And with the new \$26.5 million Carrier Dome on campus opening in September, coach Frank Maloney has a new recruiting weapon. It also will give the Orange a greater opportunity to throw the football, for no longer will rain and snow and cold winds upset their planned aerial patterns.

Triggering the Orange attack again will be rapid junior Joe Morris, a 1,000-yard rusher each of his first two seasons and who figures to own all of SU's individual rushing marks before the 1980 campaign is history. He was seventh nationally last fall, with an average of 124.7 per

Joe Morris (top) has + 2,000 yards for Orange. Jim Collins (center) is All-East LB. Pitt QB Marino was superb frosh. Penn St. DE Larry Kubit records one of his 15 sacks.



game, finishing with 1,372 yards. He'll team with Dennis Hartman and Ken Mandeville, a couple of veteran blockers and bulldozers who helped the Orange finish ninth on the rushing table with a 279.2 average.

With Bill Hurley, top career total-offense leader in SU history, departing, QB could be a problem. But Dave (Pop) Warner, who received some experience in clutch situations last fall, threw the ball well during the spring. Either Tim Wilson or Jeff Fischer will spell him. The forward wall should be strong again, led by a pair of big tackles, Drew Gissinger and John McCollum. Tony Hazzan is a veteran guard, while Gerry Feehery will snap the ball. Tony Sidor, a good catch, is back at the tight end slot, but the rest of the receiving corps could be a problem now that Art Monk and Brian Ishman have accepted their sheepskins. Best of the group is Paul Zambuto, fully recovered from knee surgery. Offensive line depth might be a headache, too, though John Lally and Bruce Babcock have both had experience.

Place-kicker Gary Anderson has a superfoot and could be one of the better sidesaddle artists in the land. He made all 28 of his PAT's last fall, 15 of 21 three-point efforts. His longest was a 50-yarder, but his practice efforts have been even more sensational.

"We have lost some of the greatest offensive personnel to ever play at Syracuse," moans Maloney. "But we have some good potential in some of our younger players who haven't had a chance to play." To make the most of them, Maloney might adjust his attack.

Defensively, the Orange could use some beefing up. To help the flanks, tackle Mike Charles was moved to end. Veteran Mike Conners might fill one tackle spot, and Gary Neugebauer will man the other if knee surgery holds up. Bob Manning and Leon Watts are other ends with letter experience. Some incoming personnel might help. The linebacking unit should be strong, led by All-America candidate Jim Collins. Veterans Mike Zunic, Ken Kollar, Guy Ruff, Craig Bingham, and Tom Seibert will team with Collins. The deep secondary is experienced, too, led by Bob Arkeilpane, Cedric Hinton, and Ike Bogosian. Russ Spitz and Jerry Kilpatrick fit in well, too. And to boot out of trouble, punter John White returns, though his hang time and distance were just so-so last fall.

The schedule seems easier on paper, aided and abetted by the fact that the Orange will be playing seven games in their new dome, rather than being on the road all season, as they were last autumn. With a few lucky bounces, they could open the eighties by unseating Pitt for the Eastern crown.

PENN STATE The Nittany Lions won seven games en route to a Liberty Bowl victory over Tulane. On most other campuses that would have been savored as an extremely successful campaign. But coach Joe Paterno's legions dropped four regular-season games, and when a few unique disciplinary problems surfaced, some grumbling was heard in the far-off Nittany Mountains.

Still coach Joe's 14 years at the helm have brought Lion fans unbelievable success (131-29-1), and Beaver Stadium's capacity, as noted, is being increased. So interest is at an all-time high, and there's enough quality footballers on hand to field another representative

eleven. "We have a lot of starters back," admits Paterno, "but we have to take a much more positive outlook toward the defense. We have to become more consistent and more aggressive."

The early-season slate, which will see the Lions face four intersectional foes—Texas A&M, Nebraska, Missouri, and Maryland—will make or break the season.

Heading the list of ten returning starters is All-America defensive end candidate Larry Kubin. His mate Gene Gladys is almost as good. Middle guard Greg Jones, tackles Pete Kugler and Leo Wisniewski all got in plenty of playing time and work well as a unit. Linebacker Steve Griffiths and Monster (called a Hero) Matt Bradley will back them up solidly, and the deep secondary appears potent. Micky Urquhart, Grover Edwards, and Giuseppe Harris return as a unit. And brother Pete Harris, who sat out all last fall, is ready to go again.

There'll be a dogfight for the starting QB post. Dayle Tate, last year's early incumbent, was unseated late in the year by Frank Rocco. But this pair, along with Jeff Hostetler and red-shirt Todd Blackledge appear to be on an even footing, with Paterno searching for the individual who can provide leadership and move the football consistently.

The running backs should have more breakaway speed, but may lack power. Booker Moore and Curt Warner will probably split the tailback chores, while Mike Meade and Joe Coles will also carry the mail. The top receivers appear to be Tracy Hall and Terry Rakowsky. Brad Scovill, Vito Kab, and Mike McCloskey will work at tight end. The interior OL should be stout, led by two excellent guards in Sean Farrell and Mike Munchak. Jim Romano and Bob Jagers are experienced centers, with tackle Jim Brown returning after an injury. Bill Dugan will probably be his mate.

The kicking game should be outstanding again, for returning are the gifted place-kicker Herb Menhardt, whose toe accounted for two victories, and punter Ralph Giacomo, who averaged almost 40 yards a boot.

This will be a challenging year for Paterno, who now handles the dual role of coach and athletic director. Probably the key to a super season is the development of the team quickly to meet the stiff early-season tests. And the rise of one of the quarterbacks from the pack could do wonders to spark the Mount Nits back to the Eastern pinnacle again.

WEST VIRGINIA The Mountaineers have a new coach—Don Nehlen—to go with their new, 50,000-seat stadium, and the feeling around Morgantown is that better days are ahead. Nehlen is no novice head coach. He served Bowling Green nine years, compiling a solid, winning percentage. And he inherited a strong nucleus of 21 starters from a rather competitive group of Mountaineers who finished strong with a 5-6 mark.

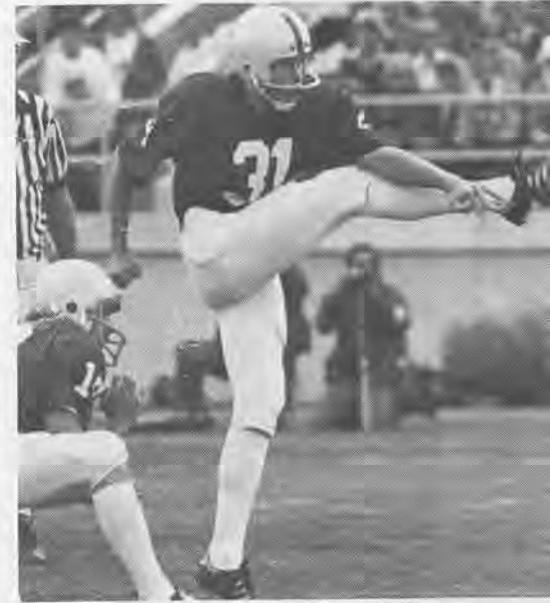
"We'll have players out there," beams Nehlen, "who've been in game situations before. That should be a big advantage." Back to direct WVU's Multiple-I attack is Oliver Luck, a powerful runner with a buggy-whip arm. He passed for 1,292 yards last fall, and directed an attack that cranked out more than 300 per game. He'll team with the top rushers of last fall—Robert Alexander (656) and Eldridge Dixon (461). Alexander hit 100 yards on five occa-

sions. Curlin Beck is also on hand. Like the rushers, the receivers will be veteran, too, led by Darrell Miller and Cedric Thomas. Miller caught 33, Thomas 23. And both can also scoot the distance after the catch.

Working up front to open the way will be such established linemen as tackles Gordon Gordon (he of the tricky name) and Frank Kinczel, guard Al Thomas and center Pat Conochan. They're substantial, averaging 250, and six-four. Their speed might be a question.

Defensively, Delbert Fowler is a stick-out outside linebacker. He could be one of the best in the nation. Darryl Talley is back to work with Fowler, the team's leading tackler. Tackles Danny Lee, John Bendana, and Calvin Turner, plus nose guard Dave Oblak improved as '79 wore along. Todd Campbell is a sophomore who bears watching. Fulton Walker returns at strong safety. He's an ace and returns kicks, too. Back with him in the deep secondary will be Al Moreland and Everett Pettaway, while Jeff Seals, Denny Fowlkes, and Walt Easley will solidify the linebacking contingent.

Nehlen realizes that building a winning spirit is a must before he can turn anything around at WVU. But the schedule maker is already operating in his favor, for a mid-season trip to Hawaii will break up the campaign. That'll keep the Mountaineers eager and spirited.



Herb Menhardt had all Penn State points in Liberty Bowl.

TEMPLE The Owls finally got into a bowl game last fall for the first time in 45 years, or since the legendary Pop Warner guided Temple to open the Sugar Bowl. It was a historic event, for Temple whipped California's Golden Bears in the Garden State extravaganza to give the Owls their tenth win of the campaign, during which coach Wayne Hardin picked up his 100th coaching victory.

Hardin, already the winningest coach in Owl history, saw his charges ranked in the second ten in both national polls, and he's looking forward to more rewards this fall. "We're going to be a very young team," he beams, "but the fact that we've had success the past couple of years, I think will carry over. We did lose 13 starters."

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However, there's a strong returning nucleus of 29 lettermen, including an exceptional end in Gerald (Sweetfeet) Lucear. He could be one of the outstanding receivers in the land.

The OL will be led by a pair of stalwart guards—Rich Garza and Chris Stinger—while Kevin Duckett has a bright future as a running back after turning in a brilliant freshman season. Bob Stark should move in at fullback. Replacing Brian Broomell at QB could be a headache, but Hardin thinks Tink Murphy can get the job done. "He throws the ball well," says Hardin, "and he's fast. He can do a 4.6, and he has size (6-3, 195)."

Working with Lucear at wide-out will be Sherm Myers, who tallied five TD's in ripping Syracuse last fall. Or he'll play some tailback if young Jim Brown can't back up Duckett.

Defensively, the Owls were solid, except in their disheartening loss to Penn State. Mark McCants is a ball hawk at safety, while Colin McCarty and Guy Peters are exceptionally bright spots in the line. Other seasoned horses up front are Tom Borgese, Pat Glamp, Marty Manning, and Brian Wensel. Steve Conjar and Mike Fuoco will lead the linebacking, along with Jay Glicker. Joe Butler, Brett Hardenstine, Matt McArdle, and Sam Shaffer will help McCants in the backcourt.

Kicking could be a problem, for both ace specialists have departed. However, Hardin had a good recruiting year, and if he can develop enough depth, the Owls' hoot will be heard again.



West Virginia QB Oliver Luck had over 1200 yards passing in '79.

BOSTON COLLEGE After getting away wretchedly, the Eagles began to soar late last fall, winning four of their last five, including their last three. The stunning upset of Syracuse seemed to give Ed Chlebek's charges momentum, and they're hopeful that it will carry over into the eighties.

He'll have 38 lettermen returning, including most of the rock-ribbed pieces from a solid defense that'll be led by junior All-America hopeful Jim Budness. He's a 6-2, 228-pounder who can spark any platoon. "He's a great athlete," says coach Ed about Budness. "He's

tough and has football instinct. He just could be the best linebacker in college. He's a bona fide All-America." Working with Jim will be senior Bob Walton.

The deep secondary is a very seasoned lot. Seniors Mike Mayock, Jerry Stabile, and Doug Alston will line up again with junior Rich Dyer. They picked off ten enemy heaves last fall. Up front, Chlebek will suit up some he-men. Tackle Steve Lively (6-5, 265) has recovered from injuries and should team with another veteran giant, Junie Poles (6-6, 270). A couple of Joes—Nash and Ferraro—will caulk up the front, too, as will Russ Joyner and Greg Storr.

Offensively, Chlebek can hitch up some key horses to make his Veer go. Star running back Shelby Gamble came into his own late last year as a frosh, and Leo Smith, his classmate, can motor. Kevin Benjamin will probably do the short yardage and hard-nose blocking from fullback. The real find late was quarterback John Loughery. He's got a strong arm, and the junior opens up the attack. He also has some excellent receivers returning. Tight end Tim Sherwin is a gem, while Rob Rikard can scoot and go get the deep one. Jon Schoen will play the other flank.

Number one headache could be the offensive frontier. "We have to find some people there," admits Chlebek. Guard Gerry Raymond (6-4, 275) returns and Bill Stephanos moves over from defense to help out. John Gonet (6-3, 240) should move in at center. Other plusses are Buddy Keich and Eddie Lord.

The kicking game—in the superb toe of John Cooper—is exceptional, too. He can punt better than 40 yards, and he can handle the placement work.

It's a veteran team of Eagles with the skilled positions in good shape. The early slate is booby-trapped, but if B.C. can retain their health into October, it could be a big year on Chestnut Hill.

NAVY As he enters his eighth campaign on the Severn, George Welsh's main concern is finding a quarterback to operate his Middie attack. The rest of the sailors look formidable enough to crank out another winning season. There are 28 letter winners back, including five of the six top running backs, plus an outstanding offensive guard in Frank McCallister, a true All-America candidate. In addition, there's enough seasoned defensive personnel on hand to make that platoon solid.

Junior Eddie Meyers, who blasted for 278 yards against Army, led the rushers. He came on late. Also returning are such established Mids as Mike Sherlock and Steve Callahan, both of whom missed action due to injuries. Duane Flowers and fullback Kevin Tolbert are back. The quarterback situation is tenuous. Sophs Tom Tarquinio, Jeff Korn, and Rich Fabian, and Tony Colao and junior Mark Fitzgerald were supposed to settle the issue last spring, but several hurts held back development, and the issue is hardly crystal clear as fall drills begin.

Dave Dent is a crack wide-out. He'll pace the receivers, along with Greg Papajohn, Troy Mitchell, and tight end Curt Gainer, who could be All-East. McCallister (6-2, 252) paces the front, along with tackle Rich Welch (6-2, 252). Mike Dolan moves in at center. Bob Murtha, Keith Boring, Frank Watt, Bob Teufel, and Cliff

Hagan will battle for the other spots.

Defensively, Navy is triggered by a pair of stars in tackle Steve Chambers (6-5, 244) and nose guard Terry Huxel (6-0, 231). Mike Matthes and Chris Garner, both of whom are also king-sized, have line experience. Travis Wallington will probably handle one flank, with Brock Arnone, Perry Bingham, and Mike Rouser fighting for the other.

Top tackler Mike Kronzer paces the linebackers, with Ted Dumbauld. Ken Olson and Kris Hauer will be in reserve. At rover, Chris Boblit returns, while All-East hopeful Fred Reitzel will operate at safety again. Jon Ross returns at one halfback, with Elliott Reagans working at the other, though Rich Harkins, Ted Wirginis, Jeff Oldham, and Rusty Smith will have something to say.

The kicking game should be strong. Regular punter Lex Laulette returns, as well as both place-kickers—Steve Fehr (the leading scorer) and Dave Guin.

The slate looks a little formidable, especially early, compared with recent years when Welsh was able to develop his team by building confidence with victories. However, there seems to be enough talent on hand to crank out another winner.

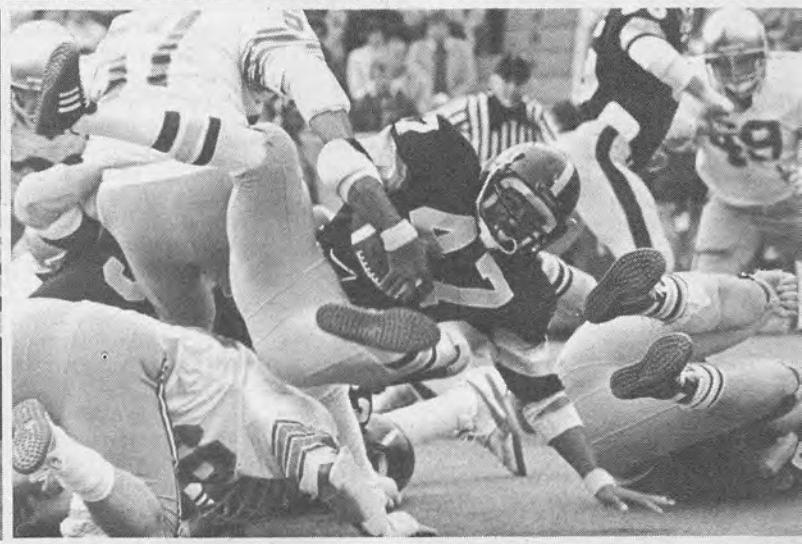
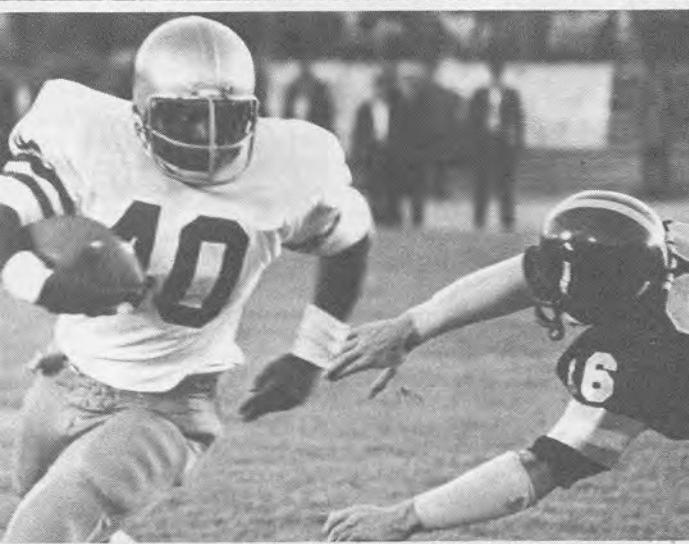
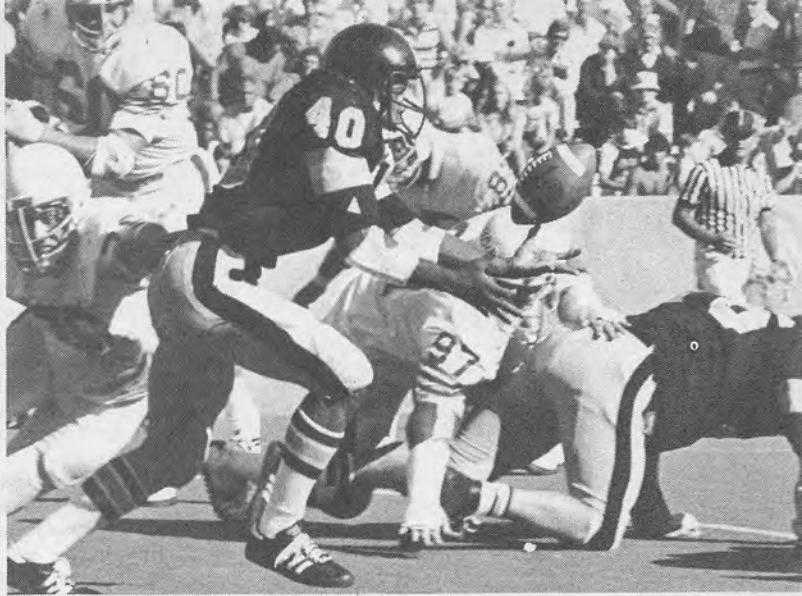
RUTGERS Coach Frank Burns has been sailing a solid ship on the Raritan. The Scarlet Knights went bowing two years ago, won eight games last year, including a pivotal upset of Tennessee. He has 17 returning starters from that operation to engineer more surprises. It was the eighth straight winning season.

Most of the defense returns, offering a solid place to start. Defensive back Deron Cherry, who also punted better than 41 yards a kick, was the Scarlet MVP last fall, returns to pace the platoon, along with his seasoned secondary companion Ken Smith. Ed Steward leads an exceptional linebacking corps, which also includes Jim Dumont, Mike Knight, Jeff Blanchard, and Ken Bercier. Mike Rustermeyer (6-3, 260) and Ray Moore are solid tackles, with Bill Pickle caring for one flank. Others with experience who'll help up front are Andy Carino and Nasario Dunn. Helping out Cherry and Smith in the backcourt likely will be Mark Pineiro and Ira Williams.

Burns also has back the guts of the offensive line which helped the Scarlet roll up almost 2,000 rushing yards. Three-year starter Mark Kurdyla is a stud at one tackle. He's 6-3, 250. Frank Naylor is back to snap the ball, while Tim Odell is an exceptional split receiver. He'll join veteran flanker Dave Dorn, last fall's leading scorer. Tony Celli, injured part of last fall, could move into the offensive front, perhaps at guard, where help is needed. Others who'll be looked at are Mike Kubas, Joe Curry, Pete George, and Rich Spitzer. All have size and experience. Steve Pfirman and Bob Funderburk will split the tight end duties.

Ed McMichael, who completed 58 percent of his passes (124 of 211 for 7 TD's and 1,529 yards) returns to direct the multiple offense. Starting running backs Albert Ray and Bryant

Navy OG Frank McCallister (top left) is All-America; **Army HB Gerald Walker (top right)** had 71-yard TD vs. Stanford; **Navy HB Eddie Meyers (mid left)** had 278 yards vs. Army; **Cadet FB Jimmy Hill gets short gain**; **Colgate's All-East DB John Kraemer levels Cornell back.**





Bob Ireland (top) is Crusader co-captain. Dave Shula (#13) is all-time leading Dartmouth receiver.

Moore will team again with Dorn. Ted Blackwell, who missed half a season after a fast start, also returns. Ace place-kicker Kennan Startzell is gone, but Alex Falcinelli, now a sophomore, seems heir apparent.

The schedule seems a little stouter, with the visit of Bear Bryant's number-one Crimson Tide to Jersey's Meadowlands being a key, early-season clash. But if Burns can develop some depth, he just might cage his second-straight major SEC victim.

VILLANOVA The Wildcats' solid building program under Dick Bedesem looks like it'll finally bear fruit and produce the first winning campaign on the Main Line since 1976. Three of last year's defeats were by a total of ten points. There are 20 starters returning from last year's 5-6 squad, with the top four rushers, the quarterback, and the top receiver on hand to

make more offensive waves. In addition, the defense looks improved, too. Bedesem, himself, is a picture of confidence. "We have more quality players than ever before," he says.

All-East tackle Joe Arcidiacono will lead an all-veteran OL that should help open holes for the Wishbone offense. He'll stick out, as will ace receiver, Fleet Willie Sydnor (24 catches, 385 yards). Sydnor also hikes back kicks. Willie's a good one. So is Pat O'Brien, veteran QB who'll direct the attack again. He's Villanova's all-time career total-offense leader with another year left. Mike Gold again will pace the running back corps, which also includes such vets as Shawn Passman and Don Ziesel.

Up front, Angelo Ganguzza will team with Arcidiacono at the tackles, while Rich Dalatri will again be over the ball. Mark Krevis and John Liszka will flank him at the guards.

The kicking game should be outstanding again, with Joe Borajkiewicz handling the punting. He sports a 39.6 average, while Chuck Bushbeck has a solid placement toe.

Defensively, the Cats have plenty of life. Howie Long and Paul Phillippe are outstanding down tackles, with Bruce Kullman solid at one flank. Joe Makoid is a threat as the aggressive middle guard. Backing 'em up is Tommy Fitzpatrick, a rough-and-tumble tackler. Helping Tommy will be Anthony Griggs, Jim Matika, and Al Harris. It's in the backcourt where the Wildcats should really shine. Dave Martin is outstanding. He'll pace a seasoned crew which includes Tom Anthony, Dan Burke, and punter Joe B. Roy Remsburg might move in at the open safety slot.

It's a bright picture on the Villanova campus, as Bedesem enters his sixth campaign. And with the development of depth, plus freedom from critical injuries, he should be able this fall to turn the winning corner.

ARMY Lou Saban found out to his dismay last fall how far down the ladder the once-formidable Black Knights had fallen. But some progress on the Hudson Plains has been made, offering hope that the Cadets will improve considerably in his second season as the head skipper.

There are 32 lettermen returning from last fall's 2-8-1 squad, and his major concern is rebuilding a defense which got riddled for 308 points. By comparison, the "O" could only hang up 96 points on the board. "I feel we're stable offensively," says Saban, the former NFL coach of the Broncos and Bills, "but we need work—lots of it—to improve our defense."

The offensive front looks fairly solid, with center Dan Enright, guards Matt Herholtz, Tom Henry, and Jim Sharman all returning. The latter slips over from tackle, where Steve Carter and Bill Wilhelm again hold forth. Mark McKearn and Gene Skinner can split the tight end role, while Lary Pruitt will be the flanker. The running back situation is fairly iffy due to fullback Jimmy Hill's knee. He led the rushers for two years and was rolling last fall until he was injured. He hopes surgery will correct the hinge. Working with him will be such veteran carriers as Gerald Walker, Bobby Vicci and Dino Harris. The quarterback spot is wide-open. All spring it was a three-way fight among Jerry Bennett, Bob Ryan, and T.D. Decker, the surprise starter against Navy. Bennett probably will get the nod.

Defensively, Saban likes his front, but is concerned about his linebackers and deep secondary. Tackles Stan March, Kevin Dodson, and Dave Kinsella can all play, while Kevin Streets is a solid performer when healthy. Bob Wood will handle one outside linebacking role, with Pat Sweeney a proven inside linebacker. Others with some experience are John Garrison, Greg Brockman, and Dan Kessler.

The kicking game should be sound. Returning is Dave Aucoin, who led the Cadets in scoring and has a 50-yard field goal, an Army record, to his credit. He is fingered for post-season All-East honors, as are big impressive linemen Herholtz and March.

The overall picture at West Point suggests that things will be getting better, though Saban might need another year or even two to turn the Army mule into a winner.

COLGATE There's an inner glow of optimism coursing through the Chenango Valley these days, as coach Fred Dunlap peers at his depth chart, which shows 39 of his first 44 back from last fall's 5-4-1 machine. And 19 of them are starters. So it's an experienced, young team of Red Raiders that Dunlap will send out to the wars this fall, with unsettled quarterbacking and receiving being his two big problems.

There are ten starters back from a rugged defense, led by an outstanding backer in Joe Murphy. He led last year's contingent with 146 tackles. Pete Cirillo and Karl Grabowski return with him as stoppers, with Andy Bobik, Ivor Brown, Pete Bennett, and John Joyce in reserve. Free safety John Kraemer is a stick-out, while strong safety Bill Dunlea covers well. The corners are cared for by Jerome Thomas and Carl Boykin, a speedster.

Up front, co-captain Jeff King will lead the charge from his tackle hole. Jay Woerdeman will team with him, while George Swan and Bob Picinich provide needed depth. Kelly Robinson is a natural sacker from his end post and will tend to one flank. Jon Kimmel, coming off an injury season, will battle for the vacant spot with Dan Trunfio and Jeff Gembitsky.

The offense is paced by a solid forward wall, led by pro prospect Tony Bubniak, all-star center. He's 6-4, 243, and moves like a bulldozer. Kevin Green and Dave Moules will flank him at the guard posts, with big Mike Twomey (6-6, 252) and Marty Schuff (6-3, 246) anchoring the tackles. Those pressing the leaders should be Steve Reich, Jeff Rocco, and Fred Dunlap (the coach's son), along with Kevin Gallagher and Bill McCarty. John Kafaf, a regular two years ago, returns after sitting out '79 with injuries.

Dunlap has a quartet of QB's who have seen some game action, led by Tom Rosenfeld and Brian Plunkett. Soph Wayne Schuchts and junior John Brown have size, and the one who comes out of the pack must be the catalyst to make the attack click. Tom McChesney at full and halfback Jim Freeman are seasoned running backs, along with Frank Rossi. Some others to watch are Mike Karath, Bob Walker, and rapid Ron Harris. Soph Brian Byrne, with a 51-yard field goal to his credit and 14 of 15 PAT's, returns.

The schedule is a little more booby-trapped, beginning with Penn State, but if the young Raiders can survive that debut, they could grow up to become real men.



HOLY CROSS Graduation wiped out 25 Crusader lettermen, including 12 starters, so Neil Wheelwright has his work cut out for him to reconstruct the Holy Cross machine that sagged to a 5-6 record last fall. His main concern is the offensive front, which must be rebuilt, mainly with newcomers. And three of the top rushers will be missing, too.

Dave Boisture opened the season at QB, before a hamstring injury slowed him down. Dave Murphy got a couple of starts, so that pair should fight it out for the vital starting role. Soph Doug O'Donnell could help. At running back, "Wheels" has some replacement parts to uncover. Soph Doug Pietrick could move into the full slot. He can get the short yardage. Juniors Elmars Reks and Len Spalding have had some experience, too. Three sophomores—Andy Clivio, Bob Brower, and Tim Linehan—have fine credentials. Co-captain John Ahern, who caught 26 passes, should open at flanker. He can also return kicks and run with the ball. Sophs Dave Redding and Brian Kelly will battle for the wide receiver spot. Terry Malone will be the tight end. He can do it all, block and catch the ball. Rick Kelly backs him up.

The offensive line needs patching. Guard Mark Chiungos and tackle Mike Rega started some games. Terry Waters and Mike Duggan vie for the open pivot post, with junior Vince Conca hoping to land a guard spot. Paul Connelly (6-5, 255) and sophomore Frank Mattiace hope to win the right to team with Rega. Jack Nealon moves over from defense to beef up the frontier.

The kicking game is in excellent shape. Place-kicker Matt Michaud and punter Tim Barry both return. Barry averaged 34.9, while Matt is an effective sidesaddle booter.

Defensively, the Crusaders look a little more settled. End Paul Matasavage and tackle Bob Roncarati anchor the front. Paul Lyons will probably move into the vacant tackle; junior John Andreoli will probably handle the other flank. Depth up front is a problem. The linebackers look solid. There are six players with game experience ready to rotate, headed by Curt Bletzer. He picked off three passes, made 76 stops. Dana Cresta, three-year letterman, could work at the other outside spot. Or it could be Wayne Thornton. Jim Cobb can operate inside, as can Dan Reilly, another three-year letter winner. Bill Pearson and Tony Catalino will push 'em.

In the deep secondary, senior halfbacks Bob Ireland and Pete George return, though All-East safety Glenn Verrette has departed. Soph Don Johnson, Mark Gillespie, Eric Oden, and John Schroeder should provide depth.

The Crusaders have enough experienced able-bodied people to enjoy a successful campaign, but it would help if the offensive wall became solidified early.

IVY LEAGUE

DARTMOUTH Coach Joe Yukica's Green finished very strong, and he's hoping that this momentum will carry over into the new season, an auspicious one on the Hanover campus, for it'll mark the 100th year of football at Dartmouth College.

Brown QB Larry Carbone (top) led Ivy League in total offense while John Woodring (center) was All-Ivy LB. Mike Audie (left) blocks Cornell punt which was run in for TD.



The Green won its last three games, four of its last five, after taking some bumps early due to inexperience. But 16 starters return, plus 19 of the 22 back-ups. That should provide plenty of depth and experience for a fast start. Add a top-flight guard in Tom Marek, who missed the '79 season due to injury.

Top bananas are All-Ivies—tailback Jeff Dufresne, flanker Dave Shula (son of Don), and linebacker Jerry Pierce. Jeff Kemp (son of Jack) returns to quarterback, but the offensive line needs some quick development. Mike Lempres and Terry Bonus should be able to do the job at the tight end spot, with Ken Cook and Jim Rill holding forth at the tackles, along with the help of John Starbuck and Joel Hubbard. Marek will handle one guard spot, with George Thompson as his mate. Doug Prouty and Todd Markham will be over the ball, with Bonus doing the long snapping for kicks.

Dufresne and FB Mark Akey will form the running-back tandem again, with Dennis Runck and Bill Spalding in reserve. Senior Joe McLaughlin will back up Kemp. Co-captain Shula, the sure-handed split end, punt return specialist, is already Dartmouth's all-time receiving leader. Pete Lindbom and Shaun Teevens will work the other wide-out.

Defensively, the Green looks solid. Senior By Boston, who missed a good deal of '79 due to injuries, returns at one tackle. He started in '78. He'll team with Lee Sedberry, with Mark Clayton also available. Kent Cooper will work at nose guard. Pierce will lead the solid powerful linebackers, with Joe Fernandes also returning, as is Steve Pignatiello, both starters. Steve Faber or Bob Carroll will move into the one vacant spot, with Scott Hacker at rover. In the deep secondary, Kevin Thorne and Barry Pizor return, with Bob Ford set to move in at safety. Pizor will do the punting. He averaged better than 32 yards last fall, while Tim Geibel will be doing all the place-kicking.

Yukica, in his third year at Hanover, feels that "we do have some key personnel returning, and with the addition of some freshmen, plus some injured players, we will be competitive for the title."

BROWN A heartbreaking, one-point loss to Yale in the '79 opener stifled Brown's bid for the Ivy crown. The Elis and Bruins will open this fall's campaign again, but this time Brown will be the host, and that could alter the eventual outcome of the conference chase.

Coach John Anderson, who's turned the Bruins around since coming to Providence in 1973, has chalked up a gaudy 42-18-2 mark and finished in the first division amongst the Ivies during each of the past six autumns. The Bruin skipper is concerned about his defensive frontier, feeling that "the offense will have to carry the load until the defense adjusts." Fortunately, QB Larry Carbone, a left-handed sharpshooter, is back to direct the attack again, operating the option series in high-class style. He was the league's total offense leader.

Carbone will be escorted this fall by a big group of veteran forwards, led by tackle Jon McCabe (6-4, 245), who's healthy again after knee repairs. His mate will be either John Atcheson (6-6) or Chris Barsanti (6-3, 240). The starting guards are back, Lloyd Bunting and Gery Deitchman. Over the ball will be Eric Rice, former nose guard, while Steve Jordan moves

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in at tight end. Carbone's top targets this fall should be Mitch Metz and Kurt Staeudle, out with injuries last fall. Another to watch is Mike Campbell, who was hurt, too. The running-back situation will fall to Rick Villella, who missed half a season with hurts, Steve Curtin, and Andy Cebello. Villella needs only 339 yards to break Paul Choquette's school career rushing record.

On the other side of the ball, Brown must re-vamp its entire front. Tackles John Rooney and Frank Batta, plus end Charlie Gliddean are the lone lettermen available. Youth must play a big role.

The linebackers look solid. All-Ivy John Woodring is an ace, while John Prassas and Mike Audie are also solid. Mike Stuer has had some experience. In the backcourt, Mike Kachmer's gone, but Woodie Pugh and Chris Weir can handle safety, with Tony Mancini at one halfback. Scott Dumont and Ken Newcomer supply depth.

Bob Granfors, the All-Ivy choice, is back to handle the place-kicking chores, with either Pete Bogdanovich or Chris Bryant doing the punting.

If Brown is to stay in the Ivy chase again, Anderson will have to get some help from such newcomers as tackle Dan Bauk, end George Gordon, runner Tim Ruark, and lineman Tom Walsh on offense, and from such defenders as tackles Bill Aliber and Charlie McGrath, deep back Jeff Gradinger, and linebacker Dan Nelson.

It's a good squad at Providence, though the tough early chart could be ruinous.

YALE Carm Cozza's Ivy title defenders lost 13 starters among their 26 departing letter winners. However, there's still a strong nucleus of 28 "Y" men back, plus some bell-ringing newcomers who should take up the slack.

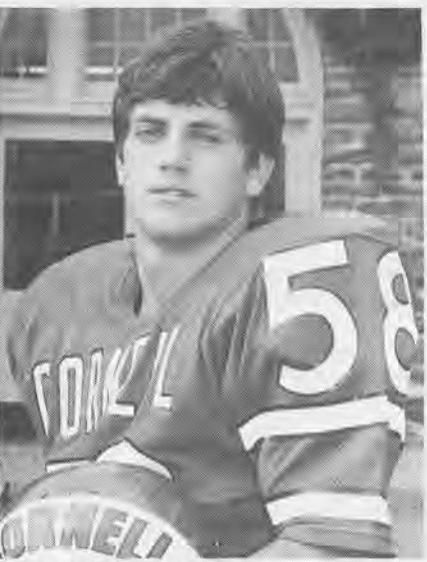
The '79 Elis spun off eight straight wins en route to the Ivy throne room, but stumbled over Harvard in the finale. Another strong team should be fielded, with Yale in the hunt for a piece of its fourth crown in the past five seasons.

John Rogan seems ready to step in and run the attack. He threw for five TD's as a sub QB last fall, including a sparkling performance in the rally over Cornell. Phil Manley, Joe Dufek, and Rick Crews will back up Rogan. Top targets will be Dan Stratton, who caught 33, with Tom Kokoska probably at the tight spot. Curt Grieve, back after a year's absence, could move in, with soph Ron Jadin deserving a big look.

The running back situation looks thin. Captain John Nitti will do the fullbacking, with Rich Diana at wingback. Both saw only limited duty. Others are Gerry Harrington, Doug Fincher, Denny Gaughan, with soph Jeff Bassette and Jim Dalzell all getting a good play. Bassette was the top frosh ball lugger, and he also catches well.

The offensive line must be rebuilt in the middle. Bill Whitehurst could assume one guard spot, with Joe Mumford at the pivot role. Soph Pat Ruwe might win the other guard assignment, but there'll be a wide-open battle. The tackles look set. All-Ivy Bob Regan (6-3, 265) cements one spot, with Bob Skarzynski (6-2, 238) at the other. Jim Britt and Paul Lata will see action, too, with huge soph Rich Primrose, a 250-pounder with potential.

Defensively, Yale has been awesome in re-



Cornell is paced by its co-captain, LB Jim DeStefano.

cent years, and it should be strong once again. Three starters will pace the platoon up front—end Fred Leone, tackle Matt Crane, and nose guard Kevin Czinger. Filling in the gaps will be ends John Kelley and Len Tavera, with Serge Mihaly a leading tackle possibility. At linebacker, Cozza has some question marks due to commencement. Scott McKenzie and Jay Snyder are the lone returning lettermen. But Jeff Rohrer, who lettered the year before, and Jim Joiner will see a lot of service. The monster will be Dave Novosel, who made All-Ivy as a junior last fall. Cornerback Pat Conran returns, but the other starters must be found. They'll come from Kerry Bensinger, Mike Muscatello, and sophs Jed Duncan and Greg Burkus.

Tony Jones will do the placement work, with Conran likely to be the punter.

The new ten-game schedule "will be the toughest since I've been here," thinks Cozza. "First, we'll play five away games, which is unusual for us, and second, we'll be playing two outstanding teams—Air Force and Boston College—back-to-back."

Yale will be bigger physically, though not quite as experienced as in recent seasons. Still, the Elis should be at or near the top when the Ivy race is settled.

CORNELL The Big Red has been crawling tediously up the Ivy ladder under Bob Blackman, now in his fourth season at Ithaca. Only a "Hail Mary" pass late in the fray prevented the Ithacans from upsetting the league champions, Yale. Still, "Blackie's" charges moved into a tie for fourth, and with luck could nudge their way more deeply into the title picture this fall.

"I definitely feel that the Big Red will be one of six Ivy League title contenders," says Blackman. "This year's seniors were our first recruiting class, and we will have a large, experienced group that will provide excellent leadership."

The Cornell skipper expects a solid defense, except for a few gaps in the secondary, with a seasoned backfield ready to crank out plenty of points if the OL can be rebuilt quickly. Graduation pretty much made Swiss cheese out of the escort service.

Tom Rohlfing again will snap the ball, with John Kilcoyne in reserve. Mark Chenevey and Rob Palumbo are upperclassmen who could move into the guard posts, while John Creahan (6-3, 245) and Jeff Kaplan (6-1, 235) will have to fight off a pair of big juniors, Greg Knue (6-2, 240) and Bruce Dzinski (6-4, 235) for the tackle assignments. Center Dave Hicks, guards Paul Michalewicz and Graham Ritchie, plus tackle Gregg Damminga are upcoming sophs with positive credentials. Leading receiver Mark Turley returns at swingback, but the rest of the pass grabbers are gone. Paul Goodberlet is a solid catch, while Mike Shearn, Paul Roland, and Dan Suren should see service, too.

There's good seasoning at the running back position. Leading rusher Tom Weidenkopf, Steve Vago, and Bob Muha are returning vets at the deep spot. Seniors Ben Tenuta, Dick Clasby, and Tom Reynolds can handle the fullback chores, but Dana Shute is a hot frosh. Mike Ryan, now a senior, will probably be the QB, with Chris Metz and Greg Stente backing him up. Some other sophs to keep in mind are QB's Doug Fusco and Brian Ross, plus toters Dave Menapace and Gary Bullis.

Defensively, Blackman likes his linebackers. Jim DeStefano, co-captain last fall though a junior, and Dan Scully and Paul Dale return at the inside spots, with Mike Staun and Tom Bottini on the outside. Scott Henderson and Mike Prospero are a pair of sophs who could get some playing time. The deep secondary is a major concern, for Todd Florey is the only proven veteran. Mike Cobb has another year of eligibility, but his return status is uncertain. This means that Jeff Miller, Dave Kimichik, Phil Lloyd, or Dave Shea will have to move in. Shea is a sophomore.

Up front, the ends should be solid with Mike Johnson, Bill Foster, Greg Lanker, Rob Linagen, and Jim Bishop all experienced. They could also get support from Pat Miller and Joel Polichene. Tackles Tom Roth (6-5, 260) and Dave Chalk (6-2, 235) could be the top members of this year's Red. Converted running back Arnold Goodgame is trying to learn how to be a DT. He's got the size—6-3, 255.

Senior Ron Rejda can handle the placement work effectively, while Scott Dowdell will probably be called upon to punt.

Overall, the Big Red seems to have more depth, and another successful campaign seems assured if the offensive line shapes up quickly.

PRINCETON The Tigers enter the eighties on an upbeat note. Coach Frank Navarro's young men were tied for second in the Ivy chase last fall, only a length out of the throne room. And with a 5-4 mark overall, it was Princeton's first victorious season since 1970. "We do lose some quality people," Navarro was saying as he got ready for his third campaign at Old Nassau, "but I feel like we're building depth, and I'm confident that we have people who can step in and do the job." In all, 32 lettermen return, including seven regulars on each side of the ball.

The offense is an experienced group, with outstanding running backs and receivers. Senior Cris Crissy and junior Larry Van Pelt give the Tigers a crackerjack one-two punch. Crissy (6-0, 190) is already tenth on the all-time Tiger rushing list, and he could hit 2,000 yards before

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he packs it in, though he's already over that figure in all-purpose running. Van Pelt, with 550 rushing yards last fall in his sophomore season, was only a shade back of Crissy. Mike Neary and Jon Berry will back up these heroes, with some help from upcoming sophomores Farris Curry, Roland Warren, and Joe McErlean. The latter is a fine receiver, too.

Bob Holly, now a junior, got a good deal of work last fall when starter Steve Reynolds went down. He's got size (6-2, 190) and can fire the ball (35 of 79, 425 yards). Mark Lockenmeyer will back him up.

Tom Michel, Scott Oostdyk, and Tom Trkla can all go get the ball. Some others with sure hands are Rick Hillman, Jim Starnes, and Dave Ginda. Jim Hilbert might beef up the corps, moving over from the deep secondary. A pair of big Marks—Bailey and Rifkin—are returning starters up front. Rifkin is 6-5, 290 and has a quick first step. Larry Arata, Jerry Brady, and Rick Klein have all seen some service, as have Jim Nicholas and Kevin Schlosser. Dave Hemerling (6-5, 235) is a sharp-looking sophomore, as are Rudy Lummer (6-3, 240) and John Maine (6-5, 225).

Navarro's concerned about the defense, especially the secondary. Senior corner John Kistler is the one returning starter, though Henry Milligan saw a good deal of action. Chris Boudreau should move in at strong safety, with Dave Gutzke at the back-up. Marty Johnson, Jim Hilbert, and Mike Moran will offer depth. Junior Scott Wright is a crack linebacker, and his 6-4, 230-pound frame is menacing. He suffered key injuries last fall, but is healthy again. Phil Prosapio and Joe Clark saw a lot of playing time and are back, which would give Wright a chance to be looked at as a tackle. Tom Kates and Vic Ruterbusch are the best of the sophomores. Up front senior end Paul Van Pelt and tackle Hart will lead. Bob McNulty and Tim Mulvey are both seasoned nose guards. Jono Helmerich could move into the vacated tackle, with Rick Wise and Joe Voights-Carvin battling for the wide-open end.

The Tigers' ace punter—Ken Buck—returns, and sophomore Brad Urschel has a fine toe, too. But the place-kicking role is up for grabs.

It appears as though the Tigers have the nucleus for another winning team, with a shot at the title if they get a few lucky bounces.

HARVARD Will the real Harvard football team please stand up? Was it the group that veteran coach Joe Restic put together late in the season to rip Penn before destroying Yale in THE game, ruining the Elis perfect campaign? Or was it the passive Crimson that just about everyone made a hasty pudding out of during the first disappointing seven games? Restic, naturally, hopes that the season-ending momentum will be carrying over into the eighties, and that the Johns (3-6 last fall) will be able to make a strong run for the Ivy crown.

The quarterback situation is a little thin, with junior Mick Buchanan and Mike Smerczynski offering some slight experience. The running backs are seasoned, with Paul Connors, who gained 270 yards, working at one slot, along with Jim Callinan. The offensive line is fairly seasoned, with Chuck Marshall returning at tight end. Mike Durgin is back at one tackle, with Orazio Lattanzi next to him at guard. Jack Ingari or Danny Mann will snap the ball.

Restic seems to have a little more defensive depth and experience. Dave Otto returns at one flank with Kevin McHugh and Tony Finan fighting for the other spot. Chuck Durst will man one tackle post and eye-filling (6-5, 230) Tim Palmer the other. Bill Lohmiller could be the middle guard. Leading the linebacking corps should be Steve Woolway, second-leading tackler last fall. Mark Mills and Tom Clark will get some playing time, with Matt Foley serving as the adjuster. The deep secondary has experience, led by Jay Foley at one corner. Other returnees are Pete Coppinger and Mike Jacobs.

The overall picture indicates that there's enough talent still left in the Yard for a solid run for the throne room. But Restic's early-season slate is pretty well booby-trapped. If he can stay in the hunt till November, the Crimson just might have a chance. And they get the Elis in their own back yard this fall, too.

PENNSYLVANIA Penn had a disastrous '79 campaign, going winless. But Harry Gamble is hopeful that the Quakers will come back with a solid effort this fall, rebuilding around 21 available lettermen. One solid returnee who sat out all last year with injuries is defensive end Gary Winemaster, who should pace the "D." As a whole, Penn will be more experienced.

Offensively, Gamble will build around his starting QB, Doug Marzonie, three starting running backs, plus an assortment of offensive forwards. The Wishbone will still be Penn's basic attack. Marzonie can both run and pass, but he'll be pressed by sophomores Dan Hurwitz and Gary Vura. Paul Brodsky, who gets into the hole quickly, Rick Beauvais, and Ron Gray will be back to do most of the toting. Rick Amos and Steve Flacco are up from the frosh to lend depth.

Jerry Smith and Bruce Edwards will man the tight end post, with guards Joel Mock and Rick Prior back, as are tackles Brian O'Neill and Jim McGuire. John McInerney is a good-looking big sophomore.

Defensively, Winemaster (6-4, 240) gives the platoon a big lift. Bob Fleck and Jimmy Smith are solid ends, too. Bob Bailey and Chris Reiser will handle a couple of the interior spots, and will get support from sophomores Jim Miller and Jim Thornton. Both are king-size. Mike Vesey is the lone returning linebacker starter. Dan Prendergast could team with him. A couple who didn't play last fall—Scott Boggio and Brian Lytywnec—could crack the lineup. Rover Mike Murphy and corner Greg Hemmings can both make the interception, while Bill Cotter and Dave Pace could split the other corner spot. Eric Evans and Tony Liberatore figure to work at the free safety. A couple who'll also be looked at are sophomores Terry Dowling and Mike Christiani.

Senior John Dwyer, who's booted a 52-yard fielder, will do all the placement work, and he can punt, too, though so can Ed Gramigna.

Gamble expects and hopes for improvement to make the ol' Red and Blues happier.

COLUMBIA Another 1-8 disaster at Morningside Heights forced a coaching reshuffling that brought the veteran defensive coordinator at Rutgers, Bob Naso, across the river from New

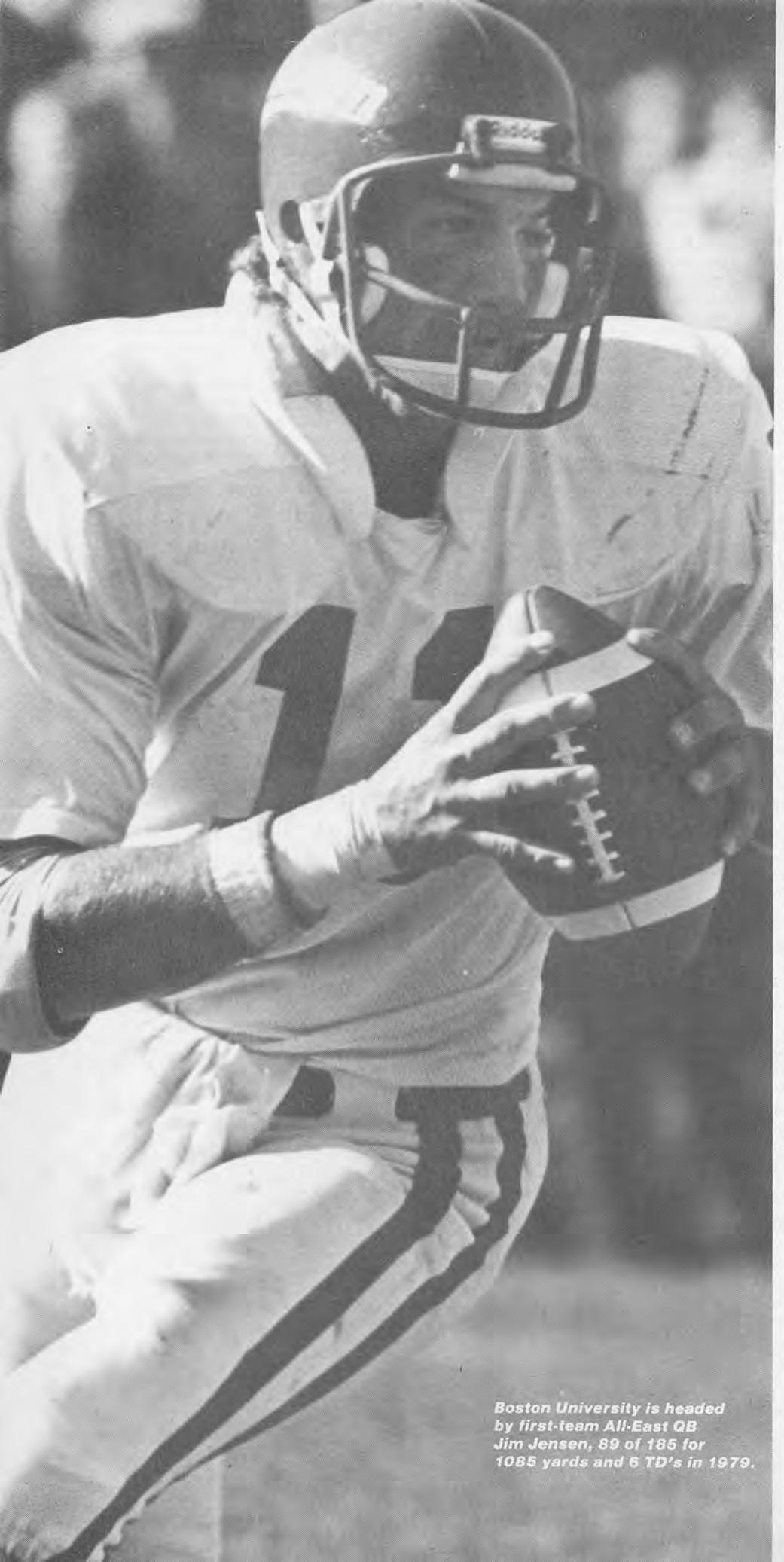
Jersey to handle the light-blue Lions. He found some 22 lettermen on hand for a nucleus, with the offensive backfield returning virtually intact. Bob Conroy, a stutter-stepping, 6-1, 192-pound senior, will again be at the throttle. And he'll be able to hand off to his veteran top rushers, Joe Cabrera, Rod Sydnor, and Ralph Brunori. Bill Donley again will work as the wide-out, and his reach, 6-4, permits him to catch 'em in traffic. Shorter but speedier Steve Wallace is a solid catch, too.

The offensive line was pretty well wiped out by graduation, but Mark Walsh will return at center, and 270-pound Joe Wagner will handle one of the tackles. Sean Cannon can work at a guard, teaming perhaps with Tom McNally. Kevin Shorey could be the tight end. He's got the frame, 6-3, 230.

Defensively, the secondary looks suspect, though Bill Epling will be at one halfback. Pat Sages and Bob Haskins will be the ends, with



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Rico Josephs solid at one tackle. Chip Quadrini brings experience to anchor one linebacking post, with Tom Nevitt filling in another. Clay Jones, Sean D'Arcy, and Randy Mickens have all had playing time, as has Vince Pelini. Hal Robertson can work in the backcourt, too, while Rich Ruzika may take over the tackle spot opposite Josephs.

It's a thin cupboard that Naso will be inheriting, and the 0-4 Cubs won't be offering too much nourishment, either. Best of the lot could be three quarterbacks—Ron Levine, Pete Rapaport, and Chris Angeline—all of whom could take up some slack elsewhere. Mike Pagnani looks like a linebacker who'll offer immediate help.

MIDDLE FOUR

DELAWARE The NCAA Division II national champions, Tubby Raymond's Blue Hens, will be scratching to win more national honors, and Raymond'll have 47 monogram winners to build what should be another very formidable machine. From that experienced squad, the witty and resourceful Raymond has 19 back who started at least one game last autumn. One thing, the Blue Hens are stepping up to Division I-AA this fall, which could make their task a little more difficult.

Fleet wide receiver Jay Hooks, who grabbed 49 aerials last fall, good for better than 1,000 yards, returns to try to smash some of his own new records. His mate at the tight end spot, 6-6 Phil Nelson, can block and catch the ball. There's a whole fleet of experienced running backs, including Ed Wood and Gene Olivieri, who gained 718 yards, Vance Belcher, Cliff Clement, Mark D'Nardo, Bob Samuels, and Brian Larson. Hugh Dougherty can still supply the short-yardage thump at full. Quarterback is a question mark. Gone is the redoubtable Scott Brunner. Rick Scully was a solid back-up and John Davies also had plenty of playing time. Dutch Hoffman, a two-year starter at West Virginia, could step in now that he's eligible.

The offensive line, which helped move the ball 560 yards on an average per game, must be rebuilt. Guard Tom Toner and big tackle Garry Kuhlman return to their starting roles. Some who'll take up the slack at guard are Randy Moccia, Delos Lander, Fran Jones, and Mark Melillo, while Pete Mill, Dave Schweizerhof, John Doc, and Ray Gaszynski man the tackles. The latter might even move over to center.

The defense is back virtually intact. Gregg Larson and Jamie Bittner return at the ends, with Paul Brown backing 'em up. Ed Braceland and Mike Bachman are two-year tackle starters, with Craig DeVries trying to come back from knee surgery. Starters Steve Panik and K. C. Keeler return at two of the linebacking spots, with Will Rutan, Bob Kleha, and Jim Harter trying to move into a starting role. The secondary will be fueled by Bob Lundquist at safety and corner Mark Howard. Dave Kindell, Tom Toto, and Alan Figg will provide depth, along with such able frosh as Jeff Slowik, George Schmitt, and Bill Maley.

Soccer stylist Tom Oscar will move into the place-kicking spot, with Belcher, Hoffman, and Scully all trying to do the punting.

Raymond has a lot of able-bodied people coming up from a solid frosh team, including linebackers Ken Baldwin, Tony Imbriaco, Ron Rossi, Tony D'Urso, John Kershaw, and end

Blair Pierce. Offensively, receiver Brian McCutcheon, runners Tony D'Apolito, Ski Shuda, Rudy Brown, and Mark DiNardo all look like prospects.

Overall, the Blue Hens look like they'll give anyone on their slate a keen argument, and if Tubby can solve his QB riddle early, Hen alums'll be spending their Saturdays cackling again.

LEHIGH The Engineers of John Whitehead came within 60 minutes of capturing their second NCAA crown in three years, stumbling over the last rung in the championship Division I-AA game to Eastern Kentucky. However, it was a crackerjack season, and the Engineers are hoping to duplicate last year's superb 10-3 mark. They'll be shooting for their eighth straight winning season, with Whitehead's pupils going 30-8 over the last three campaigns.

There are 31 lettermen returning, with a QB replacement for Rich Andres probably being the key to the season's success. Bill Rambo, Ron Carr, and John Dean will probably fight it out for the job. The tight end spot should be solid with Tom Nikles and Paul Anastasio trying to fight off former halfback Vince Rogusky. They'll mesh with OT Joe Scheuer, leader of the offensive frontier. Mark Yeager will be back at the split end spot, with Larry Miksiewicz at one guard slot and Mark Sitar over the ball. Working in the first backfield will be Joe Rabuck at one halfback spot, with Jim Evanko and Steve Plucinsky. Bob Romeo returns at fullback.

The defense, with 20 lettermen back, should be stout again, especially in the deep secondary where halfbacks Lou D'Annibal and Charley Marck will team with vet safety Keith Conley. Bruce Rarig leads the linebacking corps, with Ted Lobst and Dave Dorow also returning. Mike Crowe is solid at one flank, while Rich Titus and Dave Szablowski can handle the tackles. Russ Becker could be Crowe's mate on the flank, with Joe Kowalonek in reserve. Ron Witte, Pete Mercuri, and Ken Rosen are experienced linebackers, with Mike Tuohy, Wayne Verost, and Bob Mills supplying secondary depth.

Lobst can place-kick, while Danny Ryan does the punting again. Ryan averaged almost 34 yards from scrimmage, while Lobst was 10 of 13 from the field, while missing only one of 23 PAT's.

It's another solid vehicle that Whitehead will be fielding, with a quick answer to his QB woes deciding how far up the ladder the Engineers will scale.

BUCKNELL If seven points had been scored in the right spots, coach Bob Curtis's Bisons would have wound up their campaign last fall with eight wins, rather than with a frustrating 4-4-2. He will have 26 monogram winners back, but 12 starters (eight offense) have graduated. The defense, with seven starters back, held up well, blanking foes for 14 straight quarters, giving up only 62 points.

The "D" will be led by Bruce Keltie and Dave

Hibbard on the flanks, with Ed Stark in reserve. Dave Mann and Pete Mauritz return at the tackles, with Pat Cardiff, John Nykamp, and John Fauth backing 'em. It's a veteran front. The linebackers need replacements, though Joe Catalano is solid at an outside spot. Jeff Miller can hit hard, but he's small, while other possibilities to fill the voids are Tim Christie, Darryl Cline, and Mike Knaub. At the inside spot, Al Depew returns for another year, with Pat Paro expected to be his mate. Punter Ken Durr will also see service. In the secondary, safety Jim Gush and halfbacks McKinley Norris and Jeff Smoot are seasoned, with Mike Carswell in reserve.

Over on offense, only star tackle Mike McDonald returns, thanks to a special eligibility grant. Guard Darren Ford has improved to take care of one spot. His mate will be a battle between Tony Rago and sophomore Marty Schaezze, with Al Wehrhahn possibly coming back off injuries. John Boehmer, Dave Phillips, and Joe Golomboski will supply front-line depth. Scott Taylor, Jim Mitchell, or Jim Bresnicky will snap the ball. Rich Passerotti looks like the tight end, having fully recovered from knee surgery. Steve Zenda, Mike Cortez, Phil Lohr, and Bob Beran will work at the split receiving post.

Top rusher Ken Jenkins returns at one halfback, with Marsh Hall getting first call as his running mate. Anthony Detroit and George Fahey will be heard from as ball toters. Fullback belongs to either Larry D'Amico or Geoff Gallo. Ed Hughes must be beaten out for the vital QB

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job, for he wound up number one last year. Al Locey, Joe Donato, and a transfer Kevin Hamilton will give him an argument.

The strong "D" will have to keep the Bisons in the hunt early until Curtis is able to develop some firepower in his attack.

LAFAYETTE Neil Putnam's Leopards enjoyed their best mark in six years (5-3-2), but 22 seniors have left Easton, so this could be a big rebuilding year. "We'd like our offense to be a little more dependable," avers Putnam, "and we'd prefer more balance. We should have solid running, but need more consistency at quarterback."

There's quality at the RB slots, led by Ed Rogusky, Rodger Shepko, Gary Kirman, Greg Mulford, Roger Curylo, and Pat Ovington. Rogusky could move to the wing to make running room for the speedier Shepko. Mulford can return kicks. Veteran Hal Hocking or junior Mark Lechmanik could vie for the QB role. Hocking clicked on 77 of 142 heaves, but had his problems, while Mark was injured often. A trio of sophomores—Ed Vore, Bart Matson, and Ron Ragan—might displace one of the veterans. The receiving corps should be first-rate. Al Cognigni, a burner, and Jim Flanigan can go get the football. Ed Opatkiewicz should be back at tight end. Rogusky, Jake Papay, John Drabic, or Ken Saunders might land on the wing.

Up front, four starters are gone. Mark Zelina is the lone returning starter at one tackle. He'll team with Ed Stahl, monstrous (6-5, 270) sophomore. Senior Jim Cartellone will be in reserve. Mike Prevonzak and Ken Trout will move to guard, with Jim Giombetti and Tom Jackman fighting it out for the pivot role.

Defensively, the 'Pards face a big building job from a unit that gave up only 110 points. Greg Sorenson, who hurt a knee, could be ready at one end, with Bernie Fitzgerald and Joe Calhoun working at the other. Brett Larson will fill in at one tackle, with Steve Biale working at the other spot. Sophomore Gerry Penrose and Dave Gleason should provide depth. The linebacking looks strong again, with Joe Skladany shooting for All-America honors. George Wilson and Ed Wallace will work as his running mates. Corner Steve Boyanowski and safety Steve MacCorkle are a pair of starters returning. MacCorkle made 60 tackles, while Boyanowski has six career interceptions. Tim McAndrew will move into the strong safety role, with Jack Gatehouse working at the other corner. Look for Brian Collins and John Letcavits to help out.

Punting should be cared for by Dave Page. Bob Barnett and Jim Rufe will handle the place-kicking. With the schedule a little stickier, the Leopards might have difficulty breaking even unless Putnam can put it all together early.

YANKEE CONFERENCE

CONNECTICUT Early-season schedules against indigestible foes have put a damper on recent Huskies' seasons, but a more palatable early slate should put coach Walt Nadzak's operatives right in the hunt for Yankee Conference honors.

There's a quiet optimism this year around Storrs, with tackles and a quarterback needed to present a solid ship. Nadzak, in his fourth



Bob Manning & Fred Read of Mass.

year as helmsman of the UConnns, is happy that he "knows the personnel better than ever now. And we know our opponents better too. This should help our preparations for 1980."

The Huskies' attack again will be paced by the three top rushers from last fall—Tony Jordan, Joe Addison, and Joe Markus. Alan Arison again is ready to direct the attack. He clicked on 61 of 153 heaves last year. Ken Sweitzer will back him up, with newcomer Keith Hugger in the picture. Reggie Eccleston (26) and Ken Miller (18) again are back to catch the ball, as is Addison, a stylish receiver coming out of the backfield. Rusty Umberger is available for punting duty.

Up front, the Huskies will use such lettermen as Pat Brennan and Brian Jones at the tackles, Mark Flood and Scott Nier at the guards, with Jim Raleigh and young Mike Muha over the ball.

Defensively, Nadzak has 16 lettermen, being extremely solid at the flanks with Jim Barrett, Mark Bracken, Gary Brooks, and Allen Burghardt all returning. Pete Rostosky, a newcomer, will give it a go. At tackle, Mark Correia, Steve Michalewicz, and Gerry Madugno will have to be beaten out. Backing 'em up will be Jeff Thomas, Ken Stockwell, and Dewey Raymond, with Matt Donovan sure to see plenty of playing time. Frank Markland, Jamie Thompsons, Jody Webb, Bob Volpe, and Darrell Wilson all will have experience in the backcourt.

For the first time, Nadzak is happy with his depth; he liked his recruiting. Deep back Al Wilcox and linebacker Vern Hargraves are stickouts, while center Mike Palotta and linebacker Bob Feola bring strong credentials. The picture at Storrs is definitely coming into focus, and the upset blanking of always strong UMass late last year has alerted the rest of the Yankee lodge brothers.

MASSACHUSETTS Coach Bob Pickett needs to rebuild his offensive line and establish a quarterback to keep his Minutemen on the firing line. He does have depth—37 lettermen return—to serve as a solid nucleus. But only three offensive starters are back.

Four conference selections—nose guard Ray Benoit, tackle Dan Petrie, end Frank DiTomasso, and linebacker Peter Di Tommaso should anchor a very solid "D." They should be able to play takeaway early in the campaign while the offensive machine is being honed. Others helping on defense are weak safety Bob Manning, who led the team in interceptions last fall as well as in fumble recoveries, plus ends Tom Ahern, Joe Graham, and George Lewis, tackles Eric Cregan, Todd Davis, and Jim McCoy. Vic Pizzotti and Scott Crowell will help Peter D. back up the line, while Max Jones, John Kraham, Dwayne Lopes, Todd Powers, and Pete Spadafora are experienced in the secondary.

The offense needs the replacement parts, with fullback Tom Murray ready to stampede again. Tim Fontaine, given some able pass protection, could prove more than adequate at quarterback, while Bud Pecevich is a sharp prospect. Mike Stone is a crack receiver, and Mike Barbarasz should move in at tight end. Fred Read will snap the ball again, while Chris O'Neil figures to handle one of the tackle spots. Best ball taker could be Gary Pearson, with Brian Heyworth offering Murray some bucking support. Jim Ryan could wind up as the flanker-receiver.

Some new rookies who bear watching are big offensive tackle, 240-pound Dan Brennan, end Gary Freker, tackles John Sullivan, Allan Roche, and Greg Wesson. They'll supply some beef. Meanwhile, Hal Chaney, Todd Comeau, Kevin Jackson, and Mark Nichols all can motor.

Pickett should have the Minutemen right up there in the Yankee Conference again, but he must bring his offensive line around quickly if they're to stave off strong challenges.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Bill Bowes is going after his seventh straight winning season, and with 31 letter winners returning, it's apparent that the veteran Wildcat coach has the wherewithal to crank out another successful machine. His team was 5-4-2 last fall.

Key gap is the QB shoes vacated by the graduated Tom Leavitt. Back-up Denis Stevens, Chris Collins, and Dave Kass will battle it out for the pivotal post. The latter is a transfer from Wake Forest. The rushing game should be strong again, with Dwight Hamsley and Jim Quinn ready to supply plenty of juice from the tailback post. Quinn motored for 622 yards, while Hamsley ripped for 524. That's better than 1,100 yards out of one slot. Veteran fullbacks Chris Pinter and John Nocera also return to pick up the short yardage and supply the thump. Others who'll get some toting duty are Larry Lawler, Brian Clark, and Skip Swieczynski.

Up front, there's a wide-open battle for the split end job. Joe Johnston, Bill Peach, Frank Keough, Paul Hirsch, and Kevin Mancuso all figure to log some time. Doug Romano will fight for the tight end berth, along with Paul Gorham and Jim Lyons. Mike Porter, who played the spot some last fall, will move over to tackle.

The offensive line should be solid, perhaps the best part of the team. It'll be eye filling. Center Matt Kurylo, who lost playing time last fall to injury, returns. So do Jim Fitzgerald (6-5, 260) and Ken Kaplan (6-5, 275), a pair of sizable tackles. Greg Stilphen returns at one guard. His mate will be either Joe LaCasse or John Haggerty.

Over on the other side of the ball, Bowes figures to be strong, too, though linebacking could be a problem. Regular tackles Bob Doherty and Keith Reynolds return, with Steve Hirons filling one end. Doug Gray and Joe Clemente will fight for the other flank. Steve Doig returns at an inside linebacking post, with Al Souza ahead at the other spot. Chris Kosinski should nail down an outside spot and may team with Jeff Belmont. A pair of Toms—Calkins and Schladenhauzen—provide back-up service. In the backcourt, there's a vet squad, led by Mike Gooden, one of the best in the ECAC. Ron MacDonald and rapid Pete Bergeron also return, with Dean Gillis about to work into a first-string job, too.

Punter Tom Leavitt is gone, as is place-kicker Art Illman. Calkins might step in and do the punting, while MacDonald and Rich Freed have had place-kicking experience. Some incomers should offer immediate help, and these include safety Arnie Garron, linebackers Bruce Gillies and Kevin Murphy, and tackle Paul Cormier. When Bowes wins his next, it'll be number 50, a solid mark.

BOSTON U. The Terriers enjoyed their best season (8-1-1) in a decade last fall, storming to a share of the Yankee Conference title along with UMass. "Developing young people," says coach Rick Taylor, "will be our number one concern. We feel that we've got some good young replacements, but we've got to bring them along. If they mature, we'll be knocking at the door again."

There are 27 returning monogram winners to carry the load, with 17 on offense, of which seven are starters. Co-captain and center Dave Bengston will snap the ball, with tackle Bob Speight, tight end Scott Phinney and QB Jim Jensen all returning for more outstanding duty. Working with that hard core will be guards Mike Mastrogiacomo and Jim Patrick, tackle Steve Herzog, ends Neil Boron, Ken Andrews, and Bob Martinez, with Mike Lonneman back after sitting out. Ready to carry the mail with Jensen will be such running backs as Dave Rutherford, Mickey Santos, Sean Weeks, and Gregg Drew. Jeff Pelin is again available to do the kicking.

Mike Kelleher, co-captain and linebacker, will pace the defense. He'll be joined in the secondary by Rich Coppola, Al DeLuca, and Dyke Hoy. They're tough. Tackle Chris Lindstrom, linebackers Rick Continelli, Howard Hawkins, Jeff Kirsch, and Neil McGrath are seasoned tacklers.

Boron, a seasoned flanker, might wind up at tailback, while Ken Green might beef up the receiving corps, and Bob Carter, a top tackle, might be moved out to tight end. Last year's All-America tailback Mal Najarian, who motored for 1,137 yards, will definitely be missed. But there appear to be enough able people in tow for Taylor to field another very competitive machine.

RHODE ISLAND Rhody's rosy pre-season look last fall collapsed in a hurry. So coach Bob Griffin has no alternative except to shake the bush well. "There are going to be a number of new faces," he flatly predicts. "We have an intense desire to atone for last year," when the Rams were 1-9-1. Fortunately, there are 32 lettermen available. However, the schedule is no bargain, with the opener being a stout assignment in the Holy Cross Crusaders. Other formidable foes are Virginia Tech, Brown, and Lehigh, outside of the homespun Yankee Conference. Seven of the 11 games are on the highway.

The running game looks solid. It'll be led again by senior tailback Leroy Shaw, who has a good shot at surpassing 3,000 rushing yards for his Ram career, only the second in history. The other '79 starters return. These include fullback Joe Brooks, who's had a flock of injuries, and Chris Ougheltree. Quarterback should be a battle between returnee Terry Lynch and transfer Dave Grimsich, from Boston College. Top receivers back are speedy Chy Davidson, Rob Welsh, and John Tolento. Nose guard John Ellis



Boston U. Center Dave Bengston (top) and heady LB Mike Kelleher.

has moved over to center, with tight end Steve Morris and slot Bill Holden supplying added muscle.

Defensively, Rhody has a solid spark in All-East Charlie Babbitt, two-year fixture at middle guard. Mark Cruise and Cal Whitfield might starch up the corners. Others who'll help are tackle Dave Conlin, Tony Bottone, and linebackers Paul Hitt and Barney Rinaldi. Tackle Bob DiSano looks fully recovered from his knee problem. Corners Steve Walsh and Jim Roberson return. Tony Johnson paces the defensive backs, along with Hollis Chapman and Larry Butler, all vets. Others who can play some defense are tackle Ben Ross, guard Larry McPhillips, Keith Ring, and Mike Achin.

Griffin doesn't think his Rams will wind up with the Yankee Conference brass ring, but he does spot plenty of light at the end of the tunnel.

MAINE To lift the Bears from last year's 2-9 troubles, Jack Bicknell must rebuild the offensive front. Behind that mystery, the backs are solid. John Tursky returns at QB, with solid runners in Lorenzo Bouier and Steve McCue. The rookie Bouier sped for 910 yards. Pat Madden has speed and can catch and will team with Tom Torrisi at the wide-out slots. Tursky flipped for 1,155 yards.

Up front, tri-captain Andy Neilson is the only returning starter. Andy Landers, big tackle, will try the offense. He'll join Ray Ferretti, with Steve Keating at center. Ray Sullivan will be the tight end.

The defense looks solid. Ray Thombs will operate again at safety, with Matt Slane at the monster. He's a good one. John Chisholm and Matt Downey can handle the corners. Bob Waterman, tri-captain Pete Thiboutot, and Tom Rasmussen offer solid linebacking. All-Yankee end Phil Ferrari will guard one flank. Alongside will be vet tackles Tom Loughlin, Ryck Suydam, and Steve Vermette. Craig Reynolds is the nose guard.

Punter Paul Pierce returns, but the place-kicking chores are up for grabs. Pete Ouellette, who can scamper in the open, will return kicks. A stronger slate, including Princeton, makes improvement difficult, but if Bicknell can make

a mile with his offensive forwards, there'll be a bigger bite in the Ol' Black Bears.

LITTLE THREE

WESLEYAN Another winning season is in prospect for Bill MacDermott's Cardinals. He has 18 starters returning from last fall's 5-3 operation. In addition, running back Jim Baker, who sat out with injuries all last year, also is back.

The "D" should be strong again, especially tough against the run. The Cards were tenth in the nation vs. the rush last fall in Division III, and they have their front five plus linebackers Bill Post and Brad Toomey returning. Up front, Mac can suit up veterans Bob Marraffa, Matt Gantick, Chris Petricone, Sandy Herzlich, and Mike Auger.

On the other side of the ball, Tony Kandel will be at quarterback, with Gary Perella and Mark Cramer in reserve. His helpmates in moving the football will be Baker, Tony DiFolco, and Lou Scimecca. The offensive frontier returns, led by receiver Paul Barry (25 grabs, 3 TD's). Others who'll provide escort service are Owen Eagan, Jim Flannery, Mike Whalen, Harlan Hanson, Bob Salmon, Eddie Keohan, and Scott Muirhead.

With freedom from injury, Wesleyan could capture its first Little Three crown in a decade.

WILLIAMS Capturing the Little Three crown has been commonplace for the Ephmen since Bob Odell came aboard a decade back. In his nine seasons in the Berkshire oasis, he's driven Williams to seven titles and shared in the other two.

It looked extremely rocky last fall when Odell's charges dropped four of their first five, but a strong finish, which netted rivals Wesleyan and Amherst, again got the job done. It's hopeful that this momentum will carry over into the eighties.

Graduation has taken its toll, but John Lauer and Bob Lutz are back to handle the signal-calling chores, and Jay Wheatley and Bill Novicki are a couple of stout runners. Dave Greaney is a strong tight end. Co-captain Bob Van Dore will lead the offensive front from tackle, while Steve Doherty and Mike Chambliss are other established forwards.

Defensively, Mark Deuschie will work as one linebacker along with co-captain Brian Benedict. The defensive secondary is seasoned, with such vets as Stu Beath, Dave Durrell, and Chris Suits ready to go again. Joe Ross returns at nose guard.

It seems like there's plenty of rebuilding to be done, but as long as Odell is on hand, the Ephmen figure to stand tall.

AMHERST The Lord Jeff foes should be a little more palatable early in the fall when veteran coach Jim Ostendarp attempts to splice together his young grididers. Hamilton and Middlebury will replace American International and Springfield.

Key returnees on offense will be QB Warren Brooks and leading ground-gainers Bob Steer and Dave Grenier. Brooks only authored 24 passes in a back-up role, so experience is lacking. His top targets likely will be Art Hyde, who caught 30, Pete Nielsen, who grabbed 20, and Steve Hurwitz. John Meegan also returns. Over the ball will be vet center Kelly Millet, a solid 230-pounder.

Defensively, Ostendarp must starch up a platoon that yielded 225 rushing yards per game. Tackle Jim Scheidegger, linebacker Kit Middleton, and deep back Rusty Oleszewski should be proven leaders. Rusty also punts. Best of the upcoming frosh is Dana King, a 6-5, 220-pound tight end or linebacker.

OTHER INDEPENDENTS

COAST GUARD Bill Hickey will have a very experienced squad at his command this fall, 39 letter winners returning for duty. So there should be marked improvement from last fall's 1-8-1 disaster. Among those back are 16 starters, eight on each side of the ball.

The offensive line should be tougher with co-captain Bruce Hensel and Dan MacLeod at the tackles, Matt Schroeder, Brad Suchanek, and Scott Graham at the guards. Hickey threw the ball 30 or more times a game last fall, and his solid receivers are back, including Doug Blakemore, John Hurlburt, Jim and Rich Rendorn, plus Bob Albright and Thad Sliwinski. Ken Burgess and Pete Ryba are experienced quarterbacks. The running game could use more firepower. Those toters back are Jim Beckham, Mark Butt, John Early, and Dan McClellan.

Defensively, there'll be solid tackles in Mark Guillory and Bob Atkin, plus co-captain Charles Ray and Matt Rice at the ends. Linebacking is thin, where Mike Fasen, Sumner Tison, and Larry Rudy look the best. Ed Greiner will be the

middle guard. The secondary will have such starters back as George Vance, Rich Stanchi, and Mickey Schoenauer. Orlando Cavallo and Jim Beckham will split the placement work.

C.W. POST There's a new coach of the Pioneers. He's Jim Colbert, who coordinated the Davidson attack recently. He's installed the winged-T, which he learned at Delaware playing for Tubby Raymond. Colbert inherits an impressive streak, for the Post will be going for its fifteenth straight winning season. He also inherits what appears to be a solid offense, though there's a lack of size on defense. Halfback Tom Bennett established several school records and should spark the attack. Other experienced ball packers are Mike Pecoraro, Andy Arentz, Jim Ferguson, Daryl Knox, and Robin Rosa. Lou Buschi or Dave Atkinson will quarterback. The receiving looks solid. Tom Capone and Pat Daly will work at tight end, with wide-out Tom DeBona. The top line vets are Tony Suttoro, Errington Williams, John Pomarico, and Rick Raaf, with a transfer from Iowa, Brian Ward, also helping.

Defensively, the top linemen should be Paul LoPresti, Joe Ryan, Gerry Worysz, and transfer Steve Kaplan. Linebackers Gil Leib and Ed Jackson return and will be joined by Wayne Corrigan. Nick Ryan will move to strong safety. He'll team with Dehart Washington, Greg Smith, and Jamie Braverman.

GETTYSBURG Barry Streeter likes his offense, with the Bullets returning a solid offensive front. There's better depth, too, wherever

he looks. It could mean a winning campaign.

Tackle Don Towe, guards John DeWan and Kevin Kiesel, and Mike Columbo offer solid work up front, with Bruce Murphy moving into center. Tight end Ed Williams is outstanding, with Scott Stanley returning at the split. Scott Dudak, the school's leading rusher, returns at full, with Jon Scott, Al Shrader, Mike Ercold, and Dave Williams supplying running back depth. Bill Wagner and John Murphy return to direct the attack.

Defensively, Craig Swanson and Jim Miller return as starters up front, with linebacking in good hands, thanks to Hayes Reilly, Rich Cachion, Tom Librizzi, with Al Mantz a comer. Tim Betterly and Joe DeLutis are tough in the secondary.

If the young defense can improve quickly, the Bullets should be able to turn the winning corner this year.

NORTHEASTERN Coach Bo Lyons will have 34 lettermen on hand, including 14 regulars, so an improved Huskie machine is expected. For beginners, QB Allen Deary, with Bill Pinto backing up, are veterans who can move the football. Best target will be Bill LaFreniere, who caught passes good for 502 yards and six TD's. Shawn Brickman and Dywane Turner are other vets with sure hands. Top rusher Clint Mitchell and Blake Russell will pace the running back corps, with transfer Mike Battle supplying some blocking thump. Up front, guard Chuck Lavrentos and center Jeff Dallas return as regulars, while tackles Paul Griffin and Kevin Nolan have experience.

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Defensively, the Huskies are solid up front, led by James Deveau, Jim Williams, Jeff Rice, Keith Willis, and Brett Jordan. Ray Nichols and Keith Ruffler are strong at backing up the front, while Julius Thompson and Pat Cotton are tough in the secondary.

Overall, the 3-7 Huskies should move over to a winning mark if Lyons can improve the offensive line.

ITHACA The Bombers, under Jim Butterfield, captured the NCAA Division III crown, and they're hoping to repeat this fall, thanks to a solid defense. All-East tackles Jimmy Hoffman and Carl Guidotti return, as does outside linebacker Phil Bianco. Tri-captain Kevin Vogt is back after a year of sitting out with injuries. He'll be joined in the backcourt by Mike Biondi and John Bertino.

Senior down lineman Allan MacDonald will anchor the offensive line, while QB Doug DeCarr will direct the attack. Tall sophomore Tim Connolly will challenge him. There are three gifted receivers back in Jim Duncan, Jim Meyer, and Terry Jarvie. Top runner will be tri-captain Bob Ferrigno. He gained 906 yards last fall to pace the Bombers' solid rushing game. He can catch the ball, too. Fred Yapple supplies the breakaway juice.

The schedule looks tougher, but Ithaca's depth should enable them to make a strong run to retain their national laurels.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT There's a fine supply of experience for coach Bill Loika as he tries to improve on last fall's 4-5 mark. Only eight seniors have left. Top burner back is Ted Stoneburner. He was the team's leading scorer with 44 points and the top rusher with 624 yards. He'll mate with Shawn Talbot, second leading rusher. Leading receiver John Klein returns. He's latched onto 64 passes the last two years. Terry Hogan and Mark Huepler should split the QB duties.

Up front, center Scott Steinhagen and John Wilkinson, tackle, pace the blockers, while a pair of Kevins—Oliver and McKay—pace the deep secondary.

TRINITY Don Miller is looking for an effective QB to turn Bantams around. After posting a gaudy 64-37-3 mark over a patch of time, Miller ran into a dismal 2-6 campaign last fall. If he can find a signal caller, Miller has confidence in his attack. Bill Holden led the team in rushing from full, and halfback Mike Elia tied for scoring honors, though only a frosh. Gary Palmer and Pete Martin are back at the throttle, but they authored 22 interceptions.

Linebacker Bill Schaufler leads a stout defense, with veterans Mike Tucci, Pete Hoops, and Paul Romano working in the backcourt. Joe Penella can handle middle guard and Chip McKeehan is a crack flank.

Center again will be in the hands of Kevin Higgins or Art Ster, with John Josel, Steve LaFortune, Dan Duerr, Justin George, and Dom Rapini mopping up in front.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

EAST STROUDSBURG (7-3, 3-2) The Warriors have posted the nation's best NCAA

Division II football record over the last five years at 42-6-1. Coach Denny Douds thinks his 1980 team has the horses to continue the tradition. The heart of the team's offense is back in two-year all-conference quarterback Barry Kennedy, running back Jim Snyder, and split end Jamie Meier. Alex Todoroff is a three-year starter at center. The defensive strength should be up front with alternating tackles Bill Brown (6-4, 235), John Marcante (6-3, 235), and John Kashatus (6-4, 260).

KUTZTOWN (6-3, 3-2) The Bears have produced two NFL backs in the last decade (Doug Dennison and Bruce Harper) and may have a third in Don Shaver, a 6-0, 230-pound fullback. Shaver was second in the NCAA Division III statistics in both rushing (143.6 yards per game) and scoring (11.3 points per game). He should have plenty of blocking from two all-conference linemen, tackle Jim Bennett (6-2, 240) and guard Jeff Pammer. Defense may be a problem, with the only experience in the defensive backfield.

MILLERSVILLE (8-2, 4-1) Two long-distance threats are the top returnees from a team which won the Eastern Division title but passed up the conference championship game to play in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Marauders lost in the first round to Wittenberg. Halfback Rob Riddick averaged 6.7 yards per carry last season and tight end Dave Havriliak gained 20 yards per pass reception. Center Mark Udovich and tackle Scott Baer (6-2, 240) are veteran linemen. Leading the defense will be all-conference linebacker Chris Ciatto and tackle Aril Smith (6-4, 240).

CHEYNEY (9-2, 4-1) First-year coach Andy Hinson carried the Wolves to within one step of the conference championship last year. His job will be harder this season with eight starters gone. He again will bank on his "attacking defense," led by tackle Larry Morton and defensive backs Charles Woods and Randy Cepher. Top rusher Wynn Jones and leading receivers Mike Steward and Gary Williams return.

MANSFIELD (0-9, 0-5) Coach Joe Bottiglieri is expecting a three-year building program to blossom this season. He finally has some experience with 16 returning starters and 33 lettermen. The best are on defense in tackles Mark House (6-5, 230) and Mike Lippy (6-2, 230) and free safety Bob Vagonis. Guard Tom Evans (6-0, 205) heads a veteran offensive line. The team's passing should be improved with Dan Jones throwing to wide receivers Dave Zubia and Dan Gammiecone.

BLOOMSBURG (2-8, 1-4) The Huskies will be the only conference team to have a new head coach in 1980 in Clark Boler, a member of Alabama's 1961 national championship team. His first job will be to find a replacement for Little All-America running back Mike Morucci (3,535 career yards). He expects to build his team around a group of talented linemen—offensive guard Dino Darbenzio and tackles Ernie Jackson and Bob Crosetto and defensive tackle Bob Schwalm (5-10, 215).

Western Division

CLARION (9-1, 5-1) Al Jacks feels 1980 may be his biggest rebuilding task ever. But with a 113-39-5 record in 18 years at Clarion he won't

get much sympathy. The loss of 17 seniors will hurt, but quarterback Bob Beatty (6-1, 185), a three-year vet who missed '79 with a broken ankle, is back, as is record-breaking kicker Bill May. Defensively, the Golden Eagles are sound with middle guard Steve Scillitani (5-10, 210) and linebacker Greg Dapp (6-1, 185).

INDIANA (7-3, 3-3) Quarterback Bob McFarland (6-2, 190) threw for nearly 2,000 yards and accounted for 21 touchdowns a year ago to lead IUP to its best season since 1975. McFarland is back, along with 16 other starters, and if second-year head coach Owen Dougherty can come up with a ground game, the Indians may take on prisoners. All-America candidate Joe Cugliari (6-4, 250) at tackle keys the defense, but the Tribe could have problems backing up the line.

LOCK HAVEN (9-2, 6-0) Can Jack Fisher pull another rabbit out of his hat? His '79 Bald Eagles achieved the school's first winning season in 14 years, the best record in 22, and the first conference title ever. Returning are 16 starters, including slippery tailback Joe Speese (5-8, 185), who rushed for over 1,300 yards last fall. Also back are flashy flanker Bob Lynn and tight end Bill Sementelli, but graduation claimed All-PC quarterback Dan Spittal.

SHIPPENSBURG (4-6, 2-4) The Red Raiders slumped as the leaves fell last fall, dropping their final four games. Quarterback Bob Potts (6-1, 205) passed for 1,300 yards, but his catching corps is gone. The Shipp had troubles aground in '79 but is counting on tackle Ken Schaeffer (6-0, 235) to help the backs navigate a more productive course. Linebacker Ed Bakale, team leader in tackles, tackle Mike Maxwell, and linebacker John Paven are among 33 lettermen and 14 starters returning.

CALIFORNIA (3-7, 1-5) Hal Hunter is shooting for a .500 season at Cal State with some 40 lettermen providing the kind of depth that could do the trick. Three defeats by a total of nine points killed the Vulcans in '79. Tackle Dom Frank (6-0, 240) keys a young offensive line that must help the team put points on the board while an always-staunch defense keeps Cal in contention. Top defenders are linebackers Bill Seidel (6-1, 228) and Steve Socrates (6-2, 225).

EDINBORO (4-6, 2-4) Denny Creehan returns 33 lettermen from his initial Edinboro team that jelled midway through the '79 season. The Scots won three of their last four and dropped that one in the final seconds. Replacing quarterback Rich Shover is Creehan's big problem, but speedy flanker Tim Beacham (5-10, 160) is back. Tackle Jim Collins (6-5, 220) and linebacker Bob Cicerchi (5-10, 190) will lead a veteran defensive unit.

SLIPPERY ROCK (3-5, 2-4) Only nine starters return from the Rocket team that had its worst gridiron season since 1968 but played before its biggest crowd in history. Some 61,143 fans saw the Rock play Shippensburg at the University of Michigan Stadium and suffer a 45-14 defeat. Coach Bob DiSpirito is rebuilding his attack around All-America guard Paul Barofio (6-2, 215) and tailback Rick Porter (5-9, 185). A lot of question shave to be answered on defense, which has only three regulars back.

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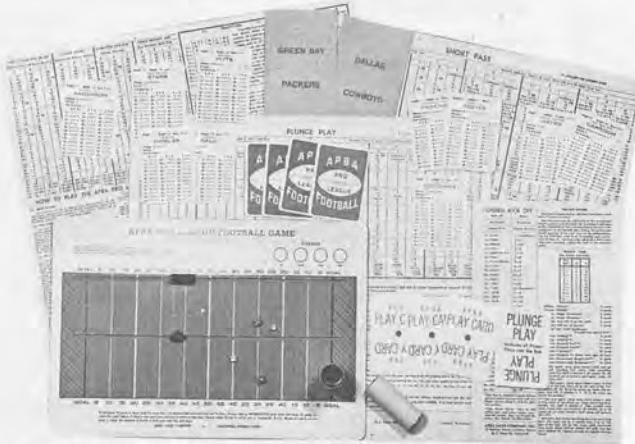
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There exists in the first year of the 1980's a distinct possibility the Oklahoma-Nebraska monopoly on Big Eight Conference championships that began in the 1960's and continued through the 1970's will be interrupted. The last time a Big Eight team other than Oklahoma or Nebraska won the championship outright was 1961, when Colorado prevailed. There has not since been a year when the picture seemed so ripe for a change.

The Sooners have run out of superstar backs. Nebraska's reservoir is suddenly barren of great linemen. Missouri appears capable of dethroning them with a talented, experienced team that is tempered by a disappointing record in 1979.

Missouri is led by quarterback Phil Bradley, who is closing in on the Big Eight career record for total offense, and has more established players and better balance than any team in the conference. If it were not for the Tigers' roller-coaster history—they lost to last-place Kansas State a year ago—Missouri would probably be favored. However, tradition makes a compelling argument to pick Oklahoma and predict a three-team race that the Sooners, Missouri, or Nebraska might win.

BIG EIGHT

- 1. Oklahoma, 2. Missouri, 3. Nebraska,
- 4. Oklahoma State, 5. Iowa State, 6. Kansas,
- 7. Colorado, 8. Kansas State

MISSOURI VALLEY

- 1. Tulsa, 2. West Texas, 3. Indiana State,
- 4. Southern Illinois, 5. Drake,
- 6. New Mexico State, 7. Wichita

It is a fascinating prospect, with the contenders playing each other in November. Oklahoma, seeking its ninth consecutive championship, has a home date with Missouri on November 15 and plays at Nebraska the following week.

Oklahoma's task and drop-off are reflected by a spring assessment the usually optimistic Barry Switzer made about his team. "We have less talent than at any time since the late sixties," Switzer said. He admitted this was more of a tribute to Oklahoma's past than an indictment of its present. "We don't have a great back and that has usually been the edge we had against the best teams on our schedule," he said. "Even with a great back (Billy Sims) we had cliffhangers with Nebraska and Missouri last year. I see us playing a lot of cliffhangers this year. But we are capable of beating anyone we play."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne laments his team's shortages in both lines and said he could not remember when the Cornhuskers had such an undistinguished group of pass receivers. Yet, he expects Nebraska "to be in the thick of things."

So do most of his peers. Big Eight coaches are so respectful of the super powers' tradition that they picked Oklahoma and Nebraska one-two. There is a basis beyond tradition for favoring Oklahoma. The Sooners also have a sleek quarterback in J.C. Watts and the best offensive and

defensive linemen in the conference. And, while their running backs do not rate pedestal status, they are competent. Defense, not their Wishbone, causes reservation about the Sooners.

Reservation about Missouri centers on Bradley. The Tigers are so dependent on the 175-pound senior there is a tendency to think they would erode into just another team if he does not survive the defensive attention to which he will be subjected. Also, Missouri has the most undesirable road schedule of the contenders. The Tigers play at Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State, the probable fourth-place team and where they have not won since 1970. An argument could be made that playing its crucial games on the road is no handicap for coach Warren Powers's Tigers. They lost five straight home games last year.

Nebraska has the best home schedule—Oklahoma, Missouri, and Oklahoma State play at Lincoln—plus the best group of running backs, standout linebackers, and an experienced quarterback in Jeff Quinn. The Cornhuskers' foremost asset is tailback Jarvis Redwine, the Big Eight's premier running back.

Oklahoma State, coming off a surprising third-place finish, returns the most experienced team and is best equipped to move up if any of the top three falter.

Another level below is Iowa State, hoping to bounce back from nightmarish injuries. Colorado, Kansas, and Kansas State are closely bunched in a battle to avoid the cellar.

If the Big Eight has a surprise team, as Kansas State was in 1978 and Oklahoma State was last year, it might be Kansas. The Jayhawks have weapons. Kansas State expects to be improved. Colorado has the least experienced and weakest team in the conference. The Buffs may be compelled to lean heavily on freshmen. Nevertheless, one coach said he had so much respect for Chuck Fairbanks, "I bet they won't finish lower than sixth."

Defending champion West Texas State and Tulsa are expected to turn the Missouri Valley Conference race into a two-team affair. West Texas returns 16 starters from a team that was picked last but which swept unbeaten through the conference. Tulsa, which did not play West Texas last year or compete for the championship, has a dominating defense and its best run-pass balance since John Cooper became coach in 1977.

Tulsa rates an edge because the Hurricane plays West Texas and Indiana State, which does not need much to make it a three-way race, at home. Indiana State's Dennis Raetz is the only new coach in the Missouri Valley. There are no coaching changes in the Big Eight.

The area is lean on All-America prospects. The best are: Bradley, Redwine, Louis Oubre (Oklahoma offensive tackle), David Verser (Kansas flanker), and Bill Purifoy (Tulsa defensive tackle).

BIG EIGHT

OKLAHOMA The Sooners (11-1, 7-0) are without an established star for the first time since the late sixties and there are no Heisman-

or Outland-type talents among their new running backs and linebackers. Oklahoma's superiority at those positions was often the difference in its drive to eight consecutive conference championships.

Nevertheless, the Sooner Wishbone should remain potent, despite the departure of Billy Sims. Without Sims, Oklahoma may be less exotic and more methodical, but not a lot less productive. The principal reasons are a seasoned quarterback and a line that is the biggest and best in the Big Eight.

Quarterback J.C. Watts (5-11, 198) capped a strong finish by winning the Most Valuable Player award in Oklahoma's Orange Bowl victory over Florida State. Watts' passing efficiency rating was best in the Big Eight and he was fourth in total offense. His execution of the triple option and his running, while not equal to some of his predecessors, improved to acceptable levels.

Two other overshadowed members of the '79 backfield return: halfback David Overstreet (5-11, 194) and fullback Stanley Wilson (6-0 196). Chet Winters (6-2, 192) step into Sims's shoes. Overstreet is the only breakaway threat. They will not measure up to Oklahoma's recent rocket-filled backfields. But on balance they will rate among the Big Eight's best.

Watts will probably be licensed to do more passing, partly because split end Steve Rhodes (6-0, 186) and tight end Forrest Valora (6-0, 223) are exceptional receivers.

But the strength of the offense is the line. Tackle Louis Oubre (6-4, 262) is Oklahoma's only returning all-conference player, and he may wind up at guard if guard Don Key (6-2, 249) is moved to center. Whether Oubre and Key remain at their 1979 positions and Bill Bechtold (6-4, 236) starts at center, or if moves are made, tackles Lyndle Byford (6-5, 280), Elbert Graham (6-4, 267), and Ed Culver (6-3, 260) and guards Terry Crouch (6-1, 254) and Steve Williams (6-2, 272) assure the line an awesome look and depth.

Defensively, the outlook is not nearly as promising. Keith Gary (6-3, 245) and Richard Turner (6-1, 244) should be the best pair of tackles in the conference and Johnnie Lewis (6-1, 230) should be a representative nose guard, if he holds off sophomore John Blake (5-11, 255). But the ends are new, the linebackers suspect, and the secondary inexperienced at both safety positions. Michael Weddington (6-3, 225), converted tight end, and Dewey Williams (6-1, 215) are the probable starters at end. It is a guessing game at linebacker among lettermen Mike Reilly (6-3, 221) and Mike Coast (5-11, 198) and redshirts Jerry Sanders (6-3, 214) and Sherdeill Breathett (6-2, 214). Freshmen are sure to be considered.

Oklahoma will have competent cornerbacks if Basil Banks (5-11, 177), one of the Big Eight's best and second nationally in punt returns, can rejoin veterans Jay Jimerson (5-9, 180) and Byron Paul (6-1, 187). Sophomore Darrell Songy

Oklahoma offensive tackle Louis Oubre (top) is Street & Smith All-America, and defensive tackles Keith Gary (center) and Richard Turner (bottom) form one the best combos in the Big Eight.



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(6-0, 185) is highly regarded. Steve Haworth (6-0, 168) surprised by winning the free safety job in spring practice. Ken Sitton (6-4, 200), aggressive but unproven, will start at strong safety.

Michael Keeling is expected to be the Big Eight's best all-purpose kicker.

MISSOURI The Tigers (7-5, 3-4) salvaged a measure of respect by scaring the daylights out of Oklahoma and Nebraska and defeating South Carolina in the Hall of Fame Bowl. But upset losses to last-place Kansas State and Oklahoma State—two of five losses the Tigers suffered at Columbia—dashed the championship hopes Missouri carried into 1979.

It would appear the Tigers are more qualified to contend for the championship this year than last. They return all-conference quarterback Phil Bradley, plus 14 other starters and their kickers to give coach Warren Powers more experience than any team, except Oklahoma State. "This group learned a great deal last season about the importance of consistency and competitiveness," Powers said. "One of our strengths should be the lessons learned, and the disappointments suffered last year."

Bradley (6-0, 175) needs but 1,171 yards to become the Big Eight's all-time total-offense leader for a career. He completed 127 of 236 passes for 1,448 yards last year and was an artful runner. He will be complemented by James Wilder (6-2, 220), the Big Eight's best fullback when fit, speedy halfback Terry Hill (5-9, 172), one of the conference's best tight ends in Andy Gbler (6-4, 220), and competent wide receivers in Ron Fellows (5-11, 168), Lee Wagner (6-4, 197), and Ken Blair (6-2, 195).

Tackle Howard Richards (6-5, 252), guard Stan Lechner (6-3, 230), and center Brad Edelman (6-6, 255) return from a deluxe offensive line. Tackle Wayne Washington (6-5, 250) and guard Kevin Sadler (6-4, 248) are fine replacements.

Eight starters return from a defense that ranked third in everything last year. The leaders are free safety Eric Wright (6-2, 181) and end Wendell Ray (6-4, 228). Other returning starters are end Tony Green (6-2, 220), tackle Bennie Smith (6-2, 240), linebacker Lester Dickey (6-2, 220), cornerbacks Johnnie Poe (6-1, 183) and Bill Whitaker (6-0, 184), and strong safety Kevin Potter (5-11, 180). Lettermen Randy Jostes (6-5, 245) and Jerome Sally (6-3, 238) are scheduled to fill the only holes in the line, at tackle and nose guard, respectively.

NEBRASKA The Cornhuskers (10-2, 6-1) have an un-Nebraska look. They have the best running backs and linebackers in the conference, but are short of linemen and receivers. Traditionally, the Cornhuskers have had better linemen and receivers than Oklahoma but could not match the Sooners in running backs and linebackers.

Coach Tom Osborne's team returns only ten starters, fewest of any contender, and also has inexperienced kickers. "This is the least experience we have had in a long time," Osborne said. But Nebraska's program, deep in red-shirts and walk-ons, has a history of producing fourth-year juniors and third-year sophomores who turn rebuilding seasons into routine success stories. If the assembly line delivers adequate linemen this time, the Cornhuskers should be in the thick of the championship.



J.C. Watts was Orange Bowl MVP.



Missouri is led by QB Phil Bradley.

They have the backs. Tailback Jarvis Redwine (6-0, 194), who rushed for 1,042 yards last year and averaged seven yards per carry, is unquestionably the Big Eight's best runner. Osborne says "there is no better fullback than" Andra Franklin (6-1, 218). Craig Johnson (6-1, 185), back-up to Redwine, would start for any other Big Eight team. Quarterback Jeff Quinn (6-2, 203) matured into a fine pass-run quarterback by the time the Cornhuskers reached the Cotton Bowl (where they lost to Houston).

But guard Randy Schleusener (6-5, 242), who scored on the guard-around trick against Oklahoma, is the only other returning starter on offense. Among the replacements, only tight end Jeff Finn (6-5, 239) is considered representative. There is less size among tackles Randy Theiss (6-4, 245) and Dan Hurley (6-2, 256), guard Joe Adams (6-3, 225), and centers Dave Rimington (6-3, 240) and Trey DeLoach (6-2, 238). But the drop-off may be more pronounced among the receivers. Wingback Anthony Steels (5-8, 179) and split end Scott Woodard (5-10, 158) are the probable starters.

Defensively, Nebraska returns all-conference end Derrie Nelson (6-2, 216) and the admired linebacking pair of Brent Williams (6-1, 225) and Kim Baker (6-2, 207), plus fine backups. Cornerbacks Ric Lindquist (5-10, 175) and Andy Means (5-11, 172) and free safety Russell Gary (6-0, 182) return in the secondary. Sammy Sims (5-11, 185) is expected to be the starting strong safety. Osborne would like more size in the secondary, but this is a quick group with a lot of savvy. David Clark (6-2, 242), the only lettered tackle, is uncertain because of a back injury. Toby Williams (6-3, 225) will start if Clark is

unable to play. Curt Hineline (6-2, 214) is the only lettered nose guard. Jimmy Williams (6-2, 205) is considered an able end.

The Cornhuskers have not recently been this green or small in the defensive line. But the schedule will be in their favor. After a rugged non-conference shakedown, they play the probable second-division teams around home dates with Oklahoma State, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA STATE The Big Eight's surprise team (7-4, 5-2) of 1979 has more size, depth, and ability. The Cowboys have the conference's most experienced team—17 returning starters, plus their kickers—and should close the gap that separated them last year from Oklahoma (38-7) and Nebraska (36-0). But whether Coach-of-the-Year Jimmy Johnson can repeat those remarkable comebacks against other conference teams is questionable. The Cowboys were only eight points from being 4-7 last year.

"We are a much better and more physical team than last year," Johnson said. But he acknowledged the Cowboys will not have the unsuspecting luxuries of last year. The key is quarterback John Doerner (6-2, 194), former walk-on who played sparingly but impressively last year. Consistency and intelligence are Doerner's strengths. But Johnson thinks Doerner is equipped to continue the pass-oriented offense that was built around his strong-armed predecessor, Harold Bailey. Bailey was second in Big Eight passing and OSU was first. But Doerner's completion percentage was higher than Bailey's (47 to 45).

Doerner will be surrounded by a capable cast. All-conference fullback Worley Taylor (6-0, 205) rushed for 994 yards (third highest in Big Eight) and caught 20 passes (fourth highest), despite missing two games. Halfback Ed Smith (6-0, 196) is a fine blocker and best equipped among several seasoned backs to start. Split end Ron Ingram (5-10, 168) is the Big Eight's fastest receiver. Flanker Mel Campbell (5-10, 157) and tight end James Cowins (6-1, 187), converted split end, round out a competent corps of receivers.

Tackle Roger Taylor (6-7, 262) rates with the conference's best offensive linemen. The remainder of the line has no standouts, but tackles Paul Speight (6-4, 250), Roy Hackett (6-5, 254), and Darryl Sheffey (6-3, 262), guards Drew Hetzler (6-3, 249) and Russell Graham (6-4, 234), and center Kevin Bennett will provide improvement over last year.

Defensively, OSU has four of the Big Eight's best players and a contender for newcomer of the year. Linebacker Ricky Young (6-1, 218) was all-conference last year and tackle Curtis Boone (6-2, 236) and free safety Greggory Johnson (6-1, 188) were second-team sections. End Dexter Manley (6-4, 242) displayed All-America form before an ankle eroded his speed. Manley may be the Big Eight's most gifted defender. Sophomore linebacker Mike Green (6-2, 231) was the rage of spring practice.

The remainder of the defense has experience, though no stars, at every position except drop-end, as it was called last year, or outside linebacker, as it will be called this year. Mark Lang (6-2, 192) is scheduled to start there. Nose guard Steve Heinzel (6-0, 238) tackle Dean Prater (6-6, 248), cornerbacks Greg Hill (6-1,

181) and Jerry Lewis (6-0, 180), and strong safety Pete DiClementi (5-11, 186) are returning starters.

IOWA STATE After injuries contributed to the Cyclones' skid (3-8, 2-5) in his first season as head coach, Donnie Duncan will shift gears on offense, from the veer to a multiple-I, and on defense, from a 5-2 alignment to a 4-3. He also recruited several junior-college transfers—"and prayed for a lot of healing."

Despite returning 14 starters, the Cyclones will be one of the big Eight's least experienced and youngest teams. Fourteen sophomores may start. The league's poorest offense in '79 should be improved, because of the potential of quarterback John Quinn (6-1, 184) and the return to fitness by tailback Rocky Gillis (5-10, 174), who averaged 7.3 yards per carry before being disabled last year. Gillis has 4.5 speed in the 40. His back-up, Mike Payne (6-0, 196), and fullbacks Dan Goodwin (6-1, 202) and Jack Seabrooke (6-0, 212) are experienced.

Duncan vows to pass more. Quinn completed only 4 of 18 passes last year. But Quinn's only handicap has been injuries, not a lack of talent, Duncan claims. Vinney Cerrato (6-1, 184), highly regarded before an injury sidelined him last year, Jerry Lorenzen (6-2, 207), Jim Knuth (6-7, 200), and Lamar Summers (6-0, 188) comprise competent receiving targets for Quinn.

These Cyclones will operate behind a line that is second only to Oklahoma's in size. Returning starters are tackles Tim Stonerook (6-7, 255) and Karl Nelson (6-7, 250) and guard Ted Clapper (6-5, 265). Guard Brian Neal (6-3, 256), injured much of last year after starting in 1978, is expected to join them on the first team. Center Jim Meyer (6-2, 225) and tight end Mark Weidemann (6-3, 207) are among the sophomores who may start.

A respectable defensive line would rank among the Big Eight's best if tackle Chris Boskey (6-3, 240) regained the form he displayed prior to a disabling ankle injury. The spring report on Boskey was depressing. Even without Boskey, Kenny Neil (6-3, 248) and Marc Butts (6-2, 254) assure quality at end and tackle. Joel Jensen (6-1, 225), George Jessen (6-2, 195), and returning starter Lou Vieceli (5-9, 185) are counted on as the outside linebackers, but Mark Carlson (6-2, 219) is the only experienced middle linebacker. Cornerback Larry Crawford

(6-1, 172) is an all-conference possibility and leader of a secondary that returns cornerback Joe Brown (6-0, 170) and strong safety Jeff Stallworth (5-10, 167). Free safety is unsettled.

The Cyclones have one of the Big Eight's best place-kickers in Alex Giffords, who led them in scoring with 41 points last year by kicking 9 of 13 field goals and 14 of 16 extra points.

KANSAS As expected, the Jayhawks (3-8, 2-5) had the Big Eight's poorest defense in 1979 and the weakest rushing attack. That combination usually means last place. But they surprised in Don Fambrough's return to coaching by tying for fifth place.

The Jayhawks have the makings of an offense that might enable them to surpass expectations again, if they plug some of the many leaks in their defense. Quarterback Kevin Clinton (6-3, 210), disappointing and eventually demoted last year, will be given another chance to start and exploit the Big Eight's best receiving corps. All-conference David Verser (6-1, 200) returns at flanker and Lester Mickens (6-0, 170) is back at split end. Russ Bastin (6-2, 205), who started in 1978, is an excellent back-up.

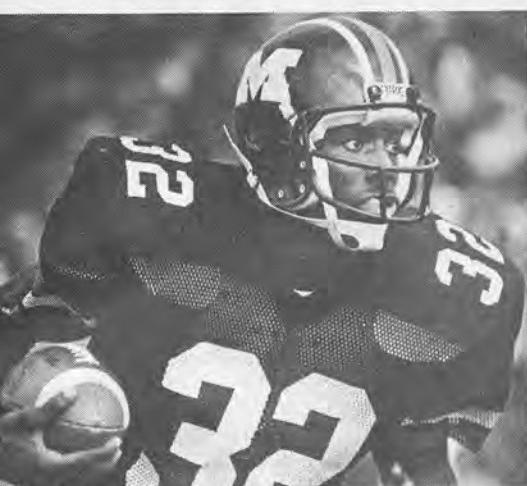
Fullback Harry Sydney (6-0, 215), second-team all-conference, and tailback Walter Mack (5-10, 185) are expected to improve the running attack. Garfield Taylor (6-1, 205), a highly regarded recruit two years ago who missed last season because of knee surgery, is expected to be a factor. Also, the Jayhawks recruited one of the nation's most sought-after schoolboy runners in Kerwin Bell (5-9, 180). Fambrough says he hates to count on freshmen. But he has not had a freshman runner of Bell's ability.

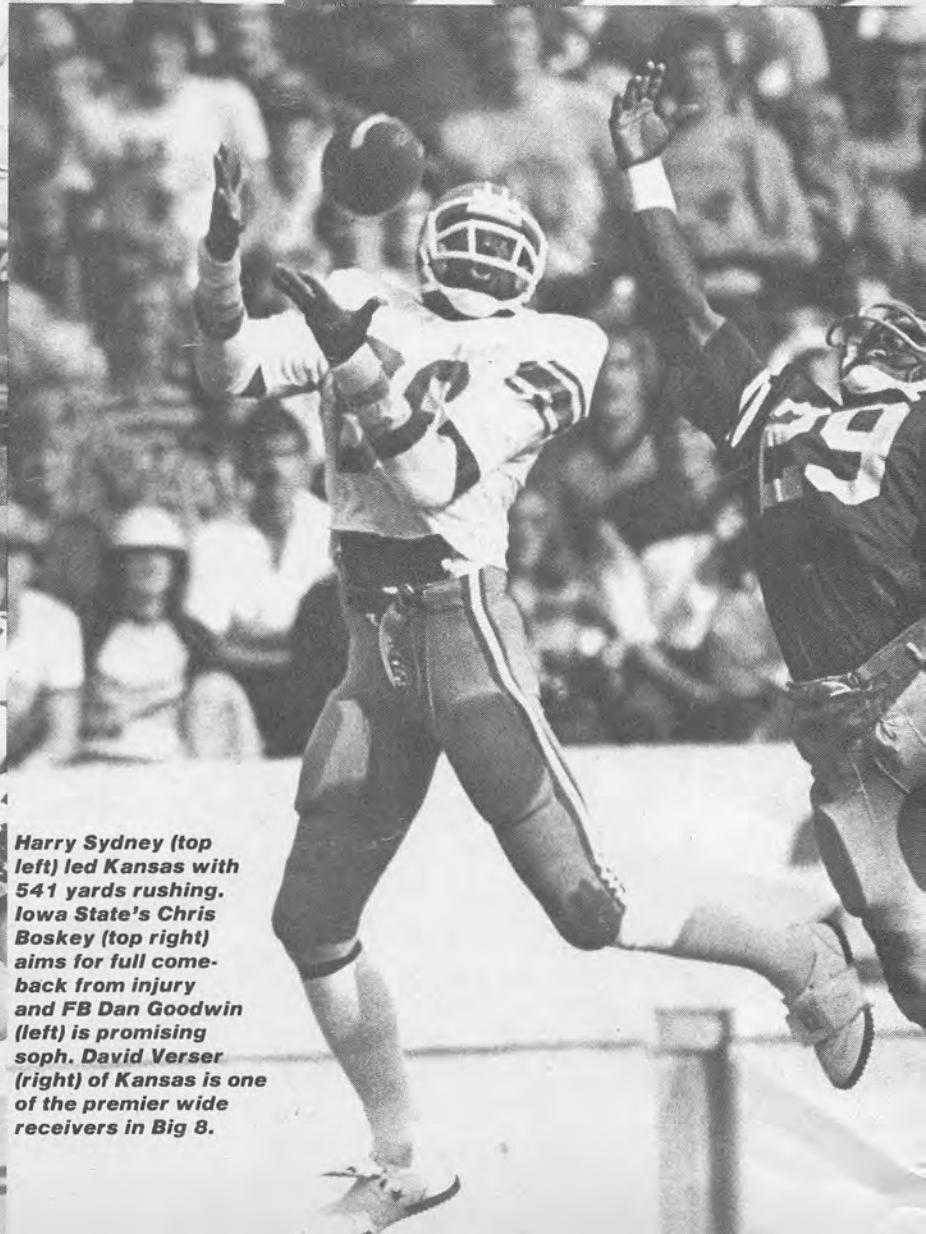
Before the Jayhawks can operate with this bunch, however, they must rebuild their line. Center Bob Fiss (6-3, 245) and tackle Bob Whitten (6-3, 265), moved from guard, are the only returning starters. Guards Gus Kyles (6-5, 245) and Fred Osborn (6-4, 235) are probable starters.

Six defensive starters return: nose guard Stanley Gardner (6-0, 260), tackle Jeff Fox (6-3, 260), linebacker Kyle McNorton (6-1, 220), strong safety Frank Wwattlelet (5-11, 195), and cornerbacks Tony McNeely (6-1, 200) and Delvin Miller (6-0, 180). But the improvement is tied to junior-college tackles Guy Neighbors (6-6, 270) and Broderick Thompson (6-6, 265). Former starters Scellars Young (6-5, 220) and Chris Toburen (6-2, 220) should bolster the



Kenny Neil (top) is standout DE at Iowa State, while Missouri relies on leading rusher James Wilder (below left) and safety Eric Wright.





Harry Sydney (top left) led Kansas with 541 yards rushing. Iowa State's Chris Boskey (top right) aims for full comeback from injury and FB Dan Goodwin (left) is promising soph. David Verser (right) of Kansas is one of the premier wide receivers in Big 8.

linebacking corps. Freshman Mike Arbanas (6-4, 220), schoolboy All-America, may contend for the starting job at linebacker.

Another of the Jayhawks' prize recruits, Bucky Scribner, is expected to be an impressive punter. He averaged 46 yards in junior college.

COLORADO A nightmarish start of Chuck Fairbanks's regime may get worse before it gets better. The Buffaloes lost what little quality they had on last year's (3-8, 2-5) team. The senior and junior classes were the weakest part of Fairbank's inheritance, and his first class of recruits was a near washout, because of legal delays in his attempt to get free of his contract with the New England Patriots.

The Buffs have fewer returning starters than any conference team—nine. They have a fierce non-conference schedule. "We obviously have quite a challenge," Fairbanks said. He thinks the offense should be improved, because of better organization and the recovery of several injured players. "But we will have to start from almost scratch on defense," he said.

Charles Davis (6-0, 202), much-moved quarterback-halfback, was returned to quarterback in spring practice after transfers Randy Essington (U.S. International) and Guy Hairston (Tennessee) were injured. Halfback Lance Olander (6-1, 197) and fullback Willie Beebe (6-1, 203) are returning starters from an offense that averaged only 139 yards rushing. Tight end Bob Niziolek (6-6, 225), who impressed as a

1978 starter before being felled by a knee injury, returns. But tackle Bob Sebro (6-4, 245) and split end Don Holes (5-11, 160) are the only other returning starters on offense. Guard Bruce Campbell (6-4, 265) and Art Dale Johnson (6-5, 234), center Roger Gunter (6-4, 235), and tackle Brant Thurston (6-6, 240) are the most experienced candidates for the other positions.

Linebackers Steve Doolittle (6-3, 235), and Bob Humble (6-1, 195), and Charles Scott (6-1, 195) are the only returning starters on defense. Letterman Dan Ralph (6-5, 214) is the ranking prospect at nose guard. Brad Young (6-1, 220) is the only lettered end.

A sharp drop-off looms in the secondary, the strength of last year's defense and now starting over with an all-lettered cast of cornerbacks Rickey Bynum (6-1, 193) and Tim Stampley (5-8, 181), strong safety Brad Chace (6-2, 187), and free safety Larry Lillo (6-0, 185).

Kicking is more promising. Olander is the Big Eight's number one returning punter (42.0) and place-kicker Tom Field was eighth in conference scoring.

More than any Big Eight team, Colorado will consider freshmen for starting roles.

KANSAS STATE The Wildcats (3-8, 1-6) picked inopportune times to play their best and worst in 1979. They gave Nebraska a harrowing game and forced Oklahoma to come from behind in the second half. But they were blown away by the Big Eight's weakest teams. Their

only conference victory was at the expense of Missouri. It was a season that contrasted with Jim Dickey's coaching debut in 1978, when the Wildcats unexpectedly won three Big Eight games.

Dickey thinks his third team might be his best, because of a seasoned defense and his quarterback son, sophomore Darrell Dickey (6-1, 195). The latter is a fine passer, intelligent, and a leader, despite his inexperience.

Halfback L.J. Brown (6-3, 200) and wide receivers John Liebe (5-11, 174), second-team all-conference, and Darryl Black (5-9, 190), returned from fullback, assure capability at their positions. But the Wildcats need another dependable running back and to rebuild the offensive line. Guard Amos Donaldson (6-1, 260) and Kerry Wilson (6-3, 260) are the only returning line starters. Tackle Mike Ruzich (6-4, 245), moved from defense, and Doug Hoppock (6-5, 240) and center Doug Taylor (6-4, 250) are possible starters.

The Wildcats return eight starters on a defense that competed admirably before November. End James Walker (6-1, 230) was All-Big Eight last year. Tackles Ben Landry (6-2, 230) and Monte Bennett (6-4, 235) and end D.L. Johnson (6-2, 220) round out an all-veteran line. But Dickey expressed a desire for "more movement and size" and Steve Clark (6-6, 250) may crowd someone out of the lineup.

Tim Cole (6-4, 210), second-team all conference, is the best of linebackers, who number four in Dickey's 4-4 alignment. Vic Koenning

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(6-3, 210) and Ronnie Wilson (6-1, 215) are also returning starters. Cornerback Phil Switzer (5-10, 180) is the only returning starter in the secondary, and he may move to running back. Mike Kopsky (6-3, 215) is expected to start at safety. Steve Schuster (6-0, 185), James Robinson (6-0, 185), and Greg Best (5-10, 175), if he does not move to running back, are the leading contenders to start at cornerback.

MISSOURI VALLEY

TULSA After sacrificing its right to compete for the 1979 championship to play a financially rewarding non-conference schedule, the Hurricane (6-5, 2-0) has a qualifying schedule and lineup to win the Valley this year. Coach John Cooper expects to have a dominating defense and an exciting offense, featuring more emphasis on passing.

The offense returns only three starters who were fit throughout 1979. But two who were not—quarterback Kenny Jackson (178) and halfback Kenneth Session (190)—are the basis of Cooper's optimism. Jackson is a waterbug runner with a history of being an erratic passer and injury prone. But Cooper thinks Jackson is capable of having an all-star year. Session might be the Valley's next rushing champion. Session's 5.3 yard average was third highest in the Valley last year. Ken Lacy (195) or Michael Gunter (180) or Sherman Johnson (190), disappointing last year after gaining 826 yards in 1978, will join Jackson and Session in the backfield.

Guards Chris Kelly (240) and Denver Johnson (258) are the only established offensive linemen. But from center David Imes (220), tackles Jeff Schuster (253), Dan Jacobson (237), and Steve Creed (252), Cooper expects to complete an adequate line. Paul Johns (169) and Mike Rollins (183) are scheduled to be the starting wide receivers. Tight end is a question mark, but converted fullback Don Hicks (212) has considerable potential. Stu Crum was the All-Valley place-kicker last year.

The defense has outstanding linemen in tackle Bill Purifoy (248) and end Don Blackmon (235). End Eugene Williams (201), nose guard Steve Cox (238), linebackers Kenneth Strickland, Robert Tennen and cornerbacks Charles Caufield (197) and Mike Field (190) return. Reno Hutchins (208) will start at strong safety, after being converted from split end. Linebacker Reggie Epps (220), standout in 1979 and sidelined last year by an ankle injury, will press for starting duty. So will junior-college transfer Will Caroline (209) at nose guard, and Jim Maxwell (225), if, as expected, he returns to school following an aborted fling with the U.S. Olympic boxing team.

WEST TEXAS The defending champion Buffaloes (5-5-1, 5-0) will finish last if they follow their recent pattern. They were picked last in 1977 and won the championship; were favored to repeat in 1978 and finished last, and were picked last in 1979, but swept their Valley schedule, while failing to win a non-conference game.

Coach Bill Yung returns 17 starters and expects to have a stronger team than the one that led the Valley in rushing offense and defense and the nation in recovered fumbles (39). The Buffs' ability to protect their championship from Tulsa may depend on whether



Kansas linebacker Scellars Young closes in on school tackle mark.

one of two new quarterbacks, Matt Patterson (198) or Ricky Davis (185), can galvanize the league's poorest passing attack.

Otherwise, the offense appears set, and features halfback Danny Clark (170), who was the Valley's number one all-purpose runner last year when his 11 touchdowns were second highest in the conference. Fullback Jackie Compton (198) also returns to run behind an experienced line that boasts all-conference performers in guard Kevin Dennis (230) and tight end Milton Baker (205). Other returning starters in the offensive line are tackles Reggie McElroy (255) and John Gwyn (230). Also returning are wide receivers Mark Tidwell (183) and Mark Manley (175).

Tackle Elvin Keller (232) and cornerback John Holt (171) are all-conference leaders on defense, where the entire secondary and linebacking corps returns. Daryle Hemphill (185), Thompson Mayberry (174), and Perry Allred (185) join Holt in the secondary, and Mike Nelson (200) and Larry Moore (223) return at linebacker. But nose guard Bill Schiffman (235) is the only other returning starter, besides Keller, in the line.

INDIANA STATE Producing a turnaround from 3-8 to 8-3 and a second-place finish (4-1)



Basil Banks' 15.3 punt-return average was second-best in NCAA.

earned Dick Jamieson an invitation to become an assistant for the St. Louis Cardinals. Defensive coordinator Dennis Raetz was elevated to replace Jamieson and inherited the Valley's best cast of skilled position operatives.

Quarterback Reggie Allen (180), named Valley player-of-the-year after leading the conference in passing and total offense, returns along with All-Valley flankers Kirk Wilson (174) and Eddie Ruffin (160), tailback Donnie Warner (196), and fullback Zack Washington (194). Place-kicker Joe Skillern, third in conference scoring, also returns. Tight end Hubert Moore (215) and guards Mark Gratkowski (217) and Ray Ferrari (216) are the only returnees in the offensive line. The rebuilding will be done around tackles Richard Anderson (228), Dan Crafton (245), and Bob Hopkins (235).

Raetz hopes to keep the offense as balanced as last year, when the Sycamores were second in passing and second in rushing, but first in total offense. But he hopes Allen improves on his 44 percent completion rate (87 of 196). Allen passed for 1,468 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for nine more, third highest in the Valley.

A defense that ranked fourth in the conference should be improved. Nine starters return and linebacker Craig Shaffer (208) is ex-

pected to regain his all-conference form of 1978, after being handicapped by injuries last year. All-Valley free safety John Allman (188) returns, along with tackles Fred Bell (225) and John Gaunt (230), nose guard Walter Seaphus (226), end Dwight Tripp (194), linebacker Dan Maher (195), and cornerbacks Kirk French (163) and Wayne Hamilton (196).

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Coach Rey Dempsey must rebuild a defense that allowed the fewest points (17.1) of any Valley team and also overhaul the backfield if the Salukis (8-3, 4-1) are to approach their 1979 success. And he must do it quickly, because SIU plays four conference road games in the opening six weeks.

Quarterback Gerald Carr (185), who came off the bench to wrest the job from John Cernak and guided a 5-0 finish, returns, as does Cernak (215). But the Salukis lost heavily in runners and receivers, and six all-conference players in all.

There will be more emphasis on running this year. Dempsey thinks fullback Vic Harrison (200) and tailback Walter Poole (175) will be adequate. They will operate behind an experienced line of tackles Mark Mellock (245) and Chris Lockwood (245), guard Greg Fernandez (23), and center Darrin Davis (235). Tight end Larry Kavanagh (225), flanker Raiford Lathan (160), and split end Daryl Leake (170) will try to reel in the receiving slack left by the record-setting Kevin House.

All-Valley tackle James Phillips (250) is one of only five returning starters on defense. Ends Jim Farley (220) and Rich Seiler (225), nose guard Tom Piha (225), and linebacker Rick Bielicki (210) are others. The all-new secondary will depend on cornerbacks Neal Furlong (185) and James Davis (175), strong safety Trey Washington (185), and free safety Roger Ollie (190). Contenders for starting positions in the defensive line are tackles Charles Allen (255), Arthur Johnson (230), and Keith Glover (260), end John Harper (230), and linebacker Luther Foster (210).

DRAKE The Bulldogs (3-8, 1-4) had the unusual experience of scoring an early season coup outside the Valley and then taking a nose dive against conference opponents. Chuck Shelton's team sprang the Valley's most prestigious victory in several years by humbling Colorado on the Big Eight Conference team's home field. But Drake then lost six of seven, including the last five.

Statistically, Drake's offense was worst than its defense. But the Bulldogs lost five games after leading in the fourth quarter. They will have to try to close this gap without the Valley's number one rusher (Wardell Wright) and leading punter (Pat King) of 1979.

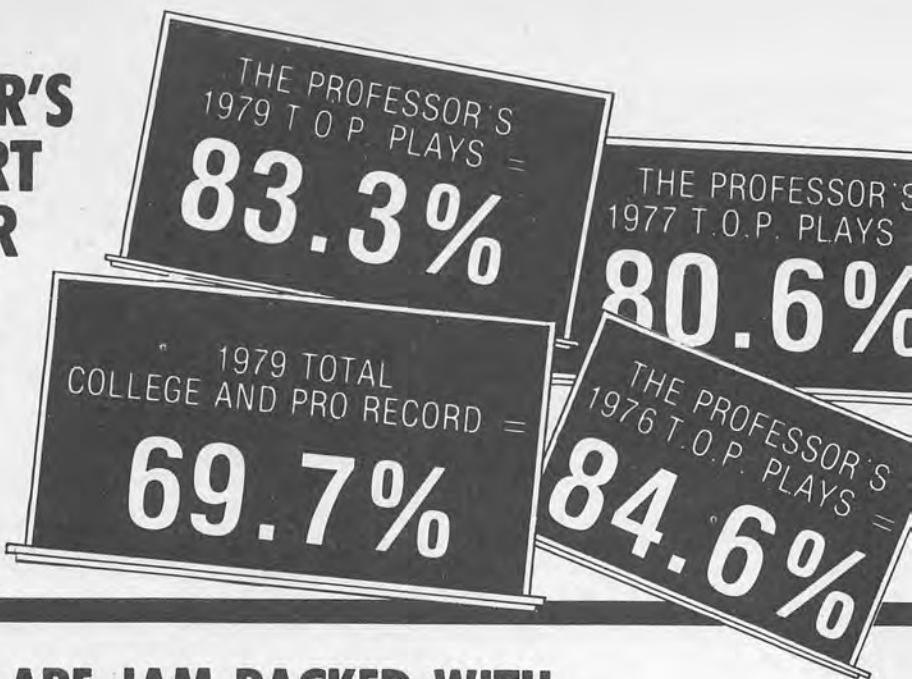
Quarterbacks Rick Casko (195) and Gary Yagelski (198) will be fronted by an experienced offensive line. It is the Valley's biggest, with tackles John Ware (265) and Mike Moeller (260), guards Frank Butsko (230) and Rafael Soto (230), center Dennis McKnight (251), and all-conference tight end Rick Suchanuk (228). The new runners and flankers are fullback Amero Ware (205), tailbacks Talmadge Tanks (195), Les White (165), and Carl Pope (175), and split end Pat Dunsmore (229).

The defense returns tackles Terry Shanahan (250) and Dan McCain (265), nose guard Bob Smith (240), end Terry Wensmann (215), and

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linebackers Rick Rozenboom (225) and Herc Payton (203). But strong safety Greg Benton (195) is the only returnee in the secondary. Converted cornerback Felix Wright (180) is expected to start at free safety, and the cornerbacks will come from Lance Shields (170), E.J. McNeil (175), Dave Pessagno (191), and Dave Killpack (185).

NEW MEXICO STATE The Aggies collapsed (2-9, 1-4) in their defense of the 1978 conference championship. They again led in passing, but were last in rushing offense and total offense and in rushing defense, total defense, and scoring defense. They allowed 30 or more points in seven of their last eight games and an average of 45 in the last four games.

Coach Gill Krueger has one advantage in his quest for improvement: Nebraska is off the schedule. Also, 14 starters return, including quarterback Butch Kelly (200), whose 99 pass completions were tops in the Valley and whose 1,350 passing yards were second to Indiana State's Reggie Allen.

Kelly will be protected by a veteran line and

L.J. Brown gained 668 yards and 5 TD's for Kansas St. in '79.

have junior-college transfers to handle his passes and hand-offs. Tailback Kevin Britton (175), fullback Keith Norwood (170), and flankers Bobby Humphrey (160) and Jeff Boyd (170) are expected to be key figures, along with holdover tailback Terry Haynes (185). Jamie McAlister (185), better runner than Kelly and used a lot last year, also returns.

Returning line starters on offense are tackles Jay Jones (250) and Steve Solaja (240), center Mike Salopek (220), guard Jim Hemphill (220), and tight end Kerry Locklin (215).

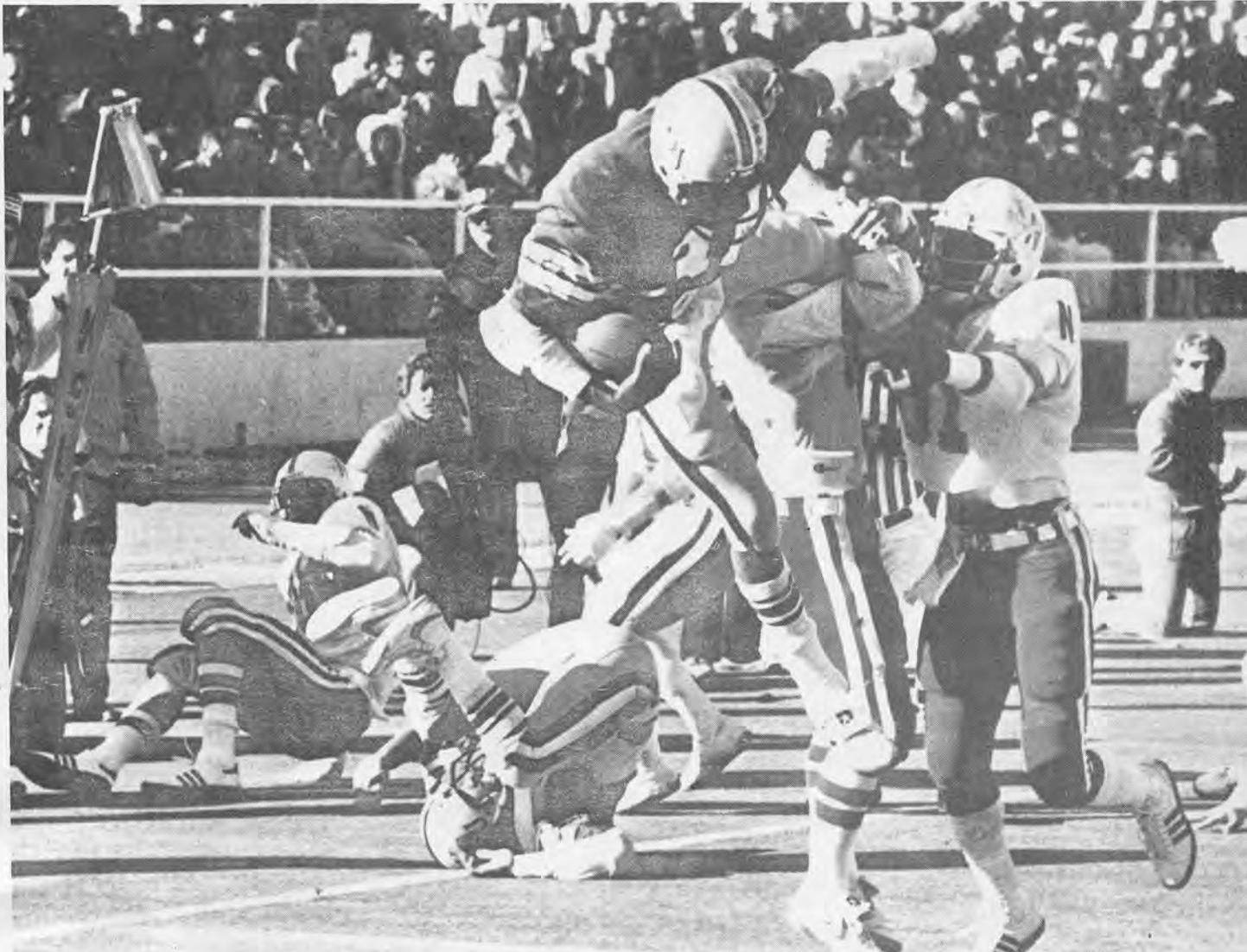
The porous defense's only notable performer is safety James Ferebee (160), who blocked seven extra points and two punts last year! Krueger needs Ferebee to have a rub-off effect on end Brian Nance (205), linebacker Leo Barker (208), tackles Blake Witcher (210) and Bernard Johnson (245), and secondary mates Scott Luhman (160) and Anthony Watson (195). Much of improvement is tied to three junior-college transfers: linebacker Keith Nicks (220), tackle Tony Santa Cruz (240), and safety Rory Palmore (176).

WICHITA Jeff Jeffries' second season should be improved, if for no other reason than 19 starters are back and Alabama is not on the

schedule. The Shockers (1-10, 1-4) were shut out three times and scored more than two touchdowns only twice last year when they had the Valley's poorest offense and a defense that ranked next to last.

Quarterback Prince McJunkins (180), Valley newcomer-of-the-year, and halfback Mickey Collins (185), who had a disappointing season after ranking among conference's best the two preceding years, hold the key to improvement. Center David White (235) is the ace of an offensive line that returns tackle Mark McCoy (240), guards Jay Hull (235) and David Sage (230), and tight end Kurt Vestman (210). Flankers Steve Hammond (185) and Terry George (180) and halfbacks B.J. Moore (205) and Brett Ingalls (205) are looked to for added punch.

All-conference tackle Rod Woods (225) is the defense's only asset. But, like the offense, it possesses experience. Returning starters are ends Mike Kriewel (205) and Brent Smith (220), tackle Derwin Cantley (230), nose guard Darrin Mills (235), safeties Terry Williams (180) and Kevin Middleton (185), and cornerbacks Billy Wilson (185) and Jeff Townsend (180). Junior college line transfers Ed Skerl (225) and Clarence Cox (225) and juco linebacker Ron Olsen (210) will be in the starting picture.





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by DWIGHT CHAPIN

On one fine day back in spring practice, California coach Roger Theder paused to say, "People keep asking me in a joking fashion where they think we're going to finish in the Pac-4, and that bothers me."

It's bothered a lot of other people, too. The Pacific 10 has been a cauldron of controversy for months. No fewer than six of its schools—Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon, Oregon State, UCLA, and USC—were being investigated for all manner of recruiting, ethics, and rules violations. As this was written, one school (Arizona State) already had been declared ineligible and it was apparent others might follow before kickoff in the fall.

Not since the breakup of the old Pacific Coast Conference—and maybe not even then—has West Coast athletics fallen under such a hailstorm of charges and countercharges.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Pac-10 commissioner Wiles Hallock. "If you're in this job, you know you're going to have to deal with these situations. But it is very surprising for so many to unload at once."

PACIFIC 10

1. Southern California, 2. Stanford,
3. Washington, 4. Oregon, 5. California,
6. UCLA, 7. Arizona, 8. Arizona State,
9. Washington State, 10. Oregon State

PACIFIC COAST AA

1. San Jose State, 2. Long Beach State,
3. Utah State, 4. Fresno State, 5. Pacific,
6. Cal St. Fullerton

INDEPENDENTS

1. Portland State, 2. Santa Clara, 3. St. Mary's,
4. Cal Lutheran, 5. San Diego, 6. Azusa Pacific,

FAR WESTERN

1. UC Davis, 2. Humboldt State,
3. San Francisco St., 4. Chico State,
5. Sacramento State, 6. Cal St. Hayward

CALIFORNIA COL. AA

1. Cal Poly S.L. Obispo, 2. Cal St. Northridge,
3. Cal Poly Pomona

SOUTHERN CALIF. IAC

1. Claremont-Mudd, 2. Whittier, 3. Redlands,
4. LaVerne, 5. Pomona-Pitzer, 6. Occidental

Infractions swept out the old (Frank Kush at Arizona State) and the relatively new (Tony Mason at Arizona). They brought into question the eligibility of scores of players. And they set an ominous moral tone.

Roger Theder again: "I think there is a basic responsibility for a coach to know what's going on. This isn't just X's and O's we teach, but we're also responsible for academics.... I think it is my responsibility to make sure these things are all done properly. I'm not surprised that all these things are coming out, but I am surprised that some head coaches are saying, 'I didn't realize this was going on.' "

Senior safety Dennis Smith is one of seven returning starters that comprise a strong USC defense.



Washington OT Randy Van Divier

New coach Paul Wiggin of Stanford added, "The accountability has to come from the top. In any military situation, when something goes wrong, they don't get rid of the sergeant in the field, they get rid of the general. The coach has to have a tight grasp on things. He can't allow them to get out of hand."

Whatever the view, I don't think there could be much argument that in 1980, war is hell in the Pacific 10. At least off the field.

On the field, it may not be much different. Since USC lost a battalion of stars, there's no clear-cut favorite. The Trojans may not be able to fend off Stanford and Washington this season. Once-lowly Oregon, California, and UCLA could be right there, too. A case can even be made for the new-look Arizona schools.

Things seem more normal elsewhere. San Jose State should be favored in the Pacific Coast A.A., although Long Beach State could be the main challenger, rather than Utah State this time. Portland State and its high-octane offense rate a slight edge among the independents, but it again should be UC Davis in the Far Western Conference, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the California Collegiate A.A., and Claremont-Mudd in the Southern California Intercollegiate A.A. Whittier and Redlands could surprise in the SCIAC, however.

The section's leading contenders for All-America honors should be: (QB) Rich Campbell, California; Reggie Ogburn, Oregon; (RB) Darrin Nelson, Stanford; Freeman McNeil, UCLA; Toussaint Tyler, Washington; Hubert Oliver, Arizona; (WR) Ken Margerum, Stanford; Kevin Williams, USC; Mark Nichols, San Jose State; James Murphy, Utah State; (OT) Allan Kennedy, Washington State; Keith Van Horne, USC; Randy Van Divier, Washington; (OG) Roy Foster, USC; Larry Lee, UCLA; (C) Dan Mackie, Arizona State; (TE) Hoby Brenner, USC; (DE) Neil Elshire, Oregon; (DT) Ben Rudolph, Long Beach State; Pat Graham, California; Vince Goldsmith, Oregon; (LB) Riki Gray, USC; Milt McColl, Stanford; (DB) Ken Easley, UCLA; Ronnie Lott, USC; Dennis Smith, USC; Rick Gervais, Stanford; Ron Coccimiglio, California; (K) Ken Naber, Stanford.

PACIFIC 10

USC We'll be able to see this year if the Trojans really do have a football factory somewhere out behind the Coliseum. There's no Charles White around this time, no Paul McDonald or Brad Budde or Anthony Munoz or Chris Foote or Raymond Butler or Dennis

Johnson or Myron Lapka. You may not be ready for it, but John Robinson may start a walk-on, senior Gordon Adams (6-1, 195), who played 15 minutes last season and threw one pass, at quarterback.

Adams was the leader in the spring, ahead of sophomores Jim Arrivey, George Ponce, Scott Tinsley, and Timmy White. None is a Paul McDonald... yet, anyway. Neither is former fullback Marcus Allen a Charles White, although he ran for 649 yards and averaged 5.7 yards a carry and should be plenty good at tailback. Competing for Allen's vacated position are juniors Paul DiLulo (6-1, 225) and Doug MacKenzie (5-11, 210), who may share time. Superquick Kevin (the Bug) Williams (21 TD catches on just 52 career receptions) will bug the opposition from flanker, with fast but inexperienced sophomores Malcolm Moore (6-5, 205) and Jeff Simmons (6-3, 185) running one-two at split end. Tight end is no problem, with fine returnees Hoby Brenner (All-Pac 10 in '79) and James Hunter, and "twelfth starter" Vic Rakhsani (6-3, 230), the motion man and blocker on the Trojans' sweep.

Despite the loss of Budde and Munoz, Robinson thinks he has two All-America candidates in his offensive line—tackle Keith Van Horne (6-7, 250) and guard Roy Foster (6-4, 260), both All-Pac 10. Also back is tackle Don Mosebar (6-7, 270), who started nine games for the injured Munoz but is coming off knee surgery himself. Bruce Matthews (6-5, 250), Darrell Jordan (6-3, 255), and Tony Slaton (6-4, 240) will attempt to replace Budde at guard; Allen Pugh (6-4, 245) and Bob Hedequist (6-4, 235) are in contention to replace Foote at center.

If the Trojans are to do well through a schedule that has them on the road four of the first six weeks, the defense probably will have to carry the offense, and it has talent, including seven starters—tackles Ty Sperling (6-0, 235) and Dennis Edwards (6-4, 225), linebackers Riki Gray (6-2, 225) and Chip Banks (6-5, 223), and backs Ronnie Lott (6-2, 195), Dennis Smith (6-3, 200), and Jeff Fisher (5-11, 185)—and two part-time starters, linebacker Eric Scoggins (6-3½, 220) and safety Kenney Moore (6-1, 185). George Achica (6-4, 250) or Charles Ussery (6-4, 240) should join Sperling and Edwards; senior Steve Busick (6-4½, 225) likely will work with Gray, who's coming off knee surgery, at inside linebacker. Lott, Smith, Banks, Gray, and Sperling are all honors candidates. The kicking game looks O.K. with returnees David Pryor at punter and Eric Hipp, who improved in late season, as the placement man.

Despite a tough road grind early, the Trojans are fortunate that the meat of their Pac-10 schedule doesn't come until November, when they must face—in order—California, Stanford, Washington, and UCLA. By then we'll know if Gordon Adams can play quarterback, and if there is, indeed, life after Charles White and the Heisman Trophy.

STANFORD It's risky to put too much faith in a rookie head coach and a new system, but crewcut Paul Wiggin ("I'd let my hair grow long, but it looks funny") is not just any rookie head coach, and both his system and his players also appear anything but ordinary. Wiggin is a neophyte as a college coach but served a decade in the pros, two-and-one-half seasons as top man of the Kansas City Chiefs. And he's lined up

outstanding help—Dennis Green from the San Francisco 49ers and Jack Harbaugh from the University of Michigan—to run his offense and defense.

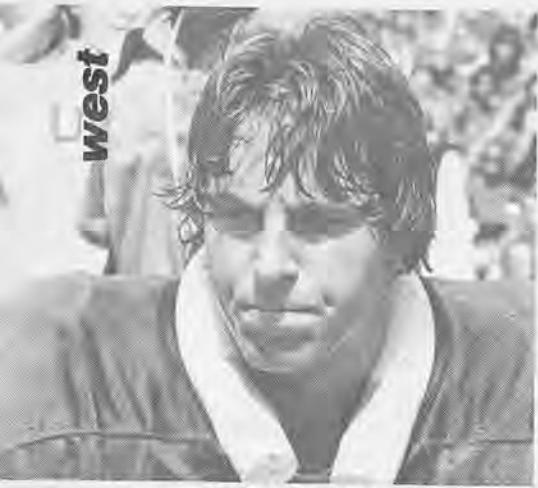
Most important, however, he'll have what the departed Rod Dowhower did not have last year. That would be the brilliant all-purpose running back, Darrin Nelson, who sat out all of the 1979 season after tearing a hamstring. Lest you've forgotten, Nelson (5-9, 177) was a second-team All-America in 1978, when he was the nation's 27th leading rusher (1,061 yards), thirteenth receiver (50 catches), sixth punt returner, and fifth all-purpose rusher.

Nelson will be working with promising sophomore quarterback John Elway, who played behind Turk Schonert; All-America flanker Ken Margerum (41 receptions for 733 yards and 10 TD's); split end Andre Tyler (45 catches for 652 yards and 5 TD's); fullbacks Greg Hooper (228 yards), Jim Brown, and Todd Wasik, and last year's top two halfbacks, sophomores Mike Dotterer (366 yards rushing) and Vincent White (475 yards). There's also another excellent offensive weapon in second-team All-America kicker Ken Naber (42.4 yards average punting and 55 points, including three on a 56-yard field goal that beat UCLA). Sophomore Chris Dressel (6-5, 225) and touted freshman Jim Clymer will vie for Pat Bowe's tight end spot, and there are four interior line starters back—tackle Brian Holloway (6-7, 270), guards Mike Neill (6-3, 230) and John Delmare (6-4, 261), and center John Macauley (6-4, 242). Three big seniors—Bo Mattson (6-5, 260), Jim Dykstra (6-6, 260), and Peter Taylor (6-6, 250) will bid to replace Andre Hines as the other tackle.

Despite the loss of three starters in the secondary, the major defensive question seems to be whether someone can replace tackle Chuck Evans. Junior Doug Rogers (6-5, 260) will get first shot, with Steve Ballinger (6-6, 240) and Duker Dapper (6-4, 230) also possible starters. Craig Awbrey (6-3, 240) returns at nose guard, along with sophomore Dennis Engel (6-3, 240). The linebacking corps looks tough with Milt McColl (6-6, 220), slowed by a shoulder injury in '79, Craig Zeilmer (6-2, 225), Kevin Bates (6-4, 220), Dave Morze (6-4, 210), and Tom Hall (6-5, 220), back from an Achilles tendon injury. The secondary, number two in Pac-10 pass defense, is minus Joe St. Geme, Steve Foley, and Rick Parker, but still has cornerback Rick Gervais (38 tackles, four fumble recoveries, five pass deflections), part-time starters Kevin MacMillan (6-1, 185) and Rodney

All-America HB Darrin Nelson





Southern Cal OT Keith Van Horne

Gilmore (5-10, 165), and free safety Robby Chapman, a '78 starter who missed last season with academic troubles. Freshmen Vaughn Williams and Charles Hutchings have the talent to challenge. It seems certain this won't be another 5-5-1 season on the Farm. It very well could be one to remember.

WASHINGTON Not quite as good a team but maybe as good a record as last year's 10-2, which led to second place in the Pac-10 and a Sun Bowl trip. That seems to be the outlook for Don James's Huskies, who, if they can beat improving Oregon in Seattle September 27, could—perhaps should—be 5-0 heading into the meat of their schedule in mid-October. There are two major question marks: whether James can rebuild an offensive line that lost four starters, and whether he can find no less than nine new starters, plus critical depth, on defense.

Quarterback Tom Flick (6-2½, 190) led the team to four wins in its last five games, including a bowl triumph over Texas, and he's tested and confident now. Plus the Huskies have confidence in him. He has impressive running support in fullback Toussaint Tyler (6-3, 213), who gained 618 yards, and a tailback triumvirate of Vince Coby (6-0, 195), Kyle Stevens (5-8½, 176), and Willis Ray Mackey (6-0, 185). Coby played very well when Joe Steele, now departed, and Stevens were injured last season. Young receivers Paul Skansi (31 catches for 378 yards), Ron Blacken (25 for 360), and Aaron Williams (14 for 35), could be outstanding, and there's a veteran tight end in David Bayle (16 receptions for 174 yards).

The new line will be built around two quick behemoths at tackle, Randy Van Divier and Curt Marsh (both 6-5, 275, with 5.0 speed in the 40). Senior Mike Reilly (6-2, 240) figures at center, but guard will be a fight, probably among veterans James Davis, Mike Curtis, Pat Zaksorn, and JC transfer Andy Bresolin (6-3, 245). Punting should again be fine with Rich Camarillo (40.7 average), but James needs to find a replacement for the school's best-ever place-kicker, Mike Lansford. Either Bob Brennan or Chuck Nelson is the likely man.

Second-team All-America Doug Martin, Stafford Mays, and Chris Linnin all are gone from the defensive front, but James is hopeful second-unit men Fletcher Jenkins, Mark Jerue,

and Rusty Olsen, who had their moments individually, can move up successfully. Inside linebacker Jerry McLain (6-3, 217) and outside linebacker Bret Gagliardi (6-4, 215), back after knee surgery, may work with Kenny Driscoll inside and Mark Stewart outside. Only weak safety Derek Harvey returns in the secondary, but James thinks he has six or seven good prospects, including safetyman Kenny Gardner (5-10, 182), transfer cornerback William Reed (5-11, 185), Dennis Brown, and Ray Horton. Mark Lee and Greg Grimes could be badly missed here, however.

James plans no major style changes, either offensively or defensively, but would like to do some fine tuning on his passing game. "In some previous years," he says, "we probably weren't even sure we had guys who could throw and catch. Now we know we have them, so let's refine it and make it better." Seems reasonable enough, if Flick and friends can get adequate protection from the youngish offensive line. Sculpting another quality defense will be more difficult.

OREGON Four years ago, a candid Rich Brooks said he might not have ten players of Pacific 10 caliber. This year he thinks he has ten who could make the all-this or all-that list. Which only shows you how good the Fighting Ducks, 6-5 last season (their best showing since 1970), could be this time around. Only two starters are missing from the offense, just three from the defense, and if they get past Stanford in their opener at Eugene on September 6, the Ducks just might contend for the conference title.

The offensive backfield returns intact. Dangerous Reggie Ogburn, who can both run and pass (he led the team with 644 yards on the ground) will be at quarterback, with Vince Williams (who missed half of last season with a shoulder injury) at fullback and Dwight Robertson (nine TD's) at tailback. Robertson will get a tough challenge, however, from JC transfer Reggie Brown (6-0, 210). Wide receivers Curt Jackson (14 catches for 206 yards) and Ricky Ward (16 for 217) are back, along with junior tight end Greg Hogenes (6-4, 217).

Center Mike Delegato (6-4, 220), guard Jamey Mathews (6-2, 251), and tackle Kevin McGill (6-7, 266) probably will be joined by junior guard Stu Yatsko (6-4, 242) and sophomore tackle Jeff Kubitz (6-5, 267), who'll be replacing Steve Greatwood and Pat McDougall, both important players last season.

The Duck defense, one of the Pac 10's best last season when it was healthy, has two All-America candidates up front. One is tackle Vince Goldsmith (5-10, 223), whom Brooks thinks could be the dominant defensive lineman in the conference, and end Neil Elshire (6-5, 246), who will get more attention now that Terry Dion, who played the other end last season, is gone. Others who figure up front are senior Scott Settlerlund (6-4, 229), veterans Rick Schwartz (6-2, 228), Gordon Bledsoe (6-2, 225), Rick Price (6-5, 252), and Gerald Haynes (6-3, 276), and transfer Randy O'Rourke (6-4, 232).

Bryan Hinkle (6-2, 205), a star until hurt each of the last two seasons, will be at one outside linebacker spot, with junior Mike Berkich (6-3, 225) at the other, and a pair of juniors who shared starting time—Chris Cosgrove (6-3, 231) and Ed Hagerty (6-2, 216)—operating in the middle. Cornerback is somewhat suspect because Rock Richmond, Jerome Covington, and

Tim Smith all are gone, but sophomore Steve Brown (6-0, 178) is a budding standout. Junior Ken Lawler has ability and transfers Ross Gibbs and Dennis Clay have been added. Small but solid starters Mike Nolar (5-11, 168) and Joe Figures (5-8, 175) return at safeties, and freshman Don Pellum could help. There are veteran place-kickers in Doug Jollymour and Pat English. Mike Babb may hold the punting job.

Pac-10 Coach of the Year Brooks still doesn't have as much depth as he'd like, but if he can keep his key players in uniform—particular Ogburn, Williams, Goldsmith, and Elshire—this will be a tough team. At the least, Brooks is now dealing from strength off the top.

CALIFORNIA The Golden Bears get a "break" this season. They play only eight Pac-10 opponents, instead of the nine they met in 1979. But Roger Theder isn't sure it will be any easier, since three of the first four games are on the road and in the East, and 75 percent of his squad will be freshmen and sophomores, not the best mix to contend for a conference championship.

The Bears, 6-6 and good enough for a Garden State Bowl appearance in '79, probably will again go about as far as quarterback Rich Campbell's brilliant right arm can carry them. He completed 67 percent of his passes (241 of 360 for 2,859 yards and 15 TD's) last season, despite throwing into an eight-man coverage most of the time. Now he's minus a clear-cut back-up man, plus Cal's number two all-time rusher, fullback Paul Jones (937 yards last year). Sophomore John Tuggle (6-1, 190) and junior David Palmer (6-1, 210) are the leaders at running back, but injured Allen Blackmon or swift freshmen Carl Montgomery (6-1, 205) and Mark Funderbunk (6-0, 190) might well challenge. There's much firepower at wide receiver in Matt Bouza (52 receptions for 831 yards), Michael Buggs (37 for 575), Greg Woodard, Floyd Eddings, Holden Smith, and Tyrone Portee. Back-up Don Sprague (6-3, 220) will get first call at Joe Rose's vacated tight end spot, backed by sophomores Dan Mosley and David Lewis.

There's depth and versatility in the offensive line in tackles Brian Bailey (6-3, 260) and Harvey Salem (6-6, 260) and guards Greg Stubblefield (6-3, 240) and Tim Galas (6-2, 250). For the fourth straight season the Bears are looking for a new starting center. It may be reserve Bruce Sorenson (6-4, 235) or transfer Mike Nalty (6-3, 235).

The three starters—All-Coast Pat Graham (6-4, 245), Kirk Karacozoff (6-2, 235), and Dupre Marshall (6-3, 245)—return in the defensive front, where there is a talent and depth in Rich Stachowski (6-4, 235) and Reggie Camp (6-5, 240), both of whom were late-developing freshmen, and transfer Pat Brady (6-2, 235). Depth at outside linebacker is a major question, because four spots are vacant. The lone returning starter is premier athlete Rich Dixon (6-3, 220). Sophomore Paul Najarian (6-2, 200) may play opposite him, with Ulysses Madison (6-3, 220) and Rob Weigle (6-2, 215) probable inside. John Breidenthal (6-3, 225), Don Govan (6-3, 220), Steve Cacciari (6-3, 205), or freshman Ron Rivera (6-3, 220) could break in. Sophomore cornerbacks Freddie Williams (5-9, 180) and Ahmad Anderson (5-10, 175) and senior free safety Ron Coccimiglio (6-1, 190) head a solid

secondary that may also include Kevin Moen (6-2, 190) or Mark Hayes (5-11, 170).

Breakdowns in the kicking game accounted for all of Bears' five regular-season losses, but there is talent at kicker in placement men Mick Luckhurst (60 points) and Joe Cooper and punter Mike Ahr. Overall, this should be a little better team than it was in '79, but there's still too much burden on the marvelous Campbell, and probably too much youth. Again.

UCLA Order a tranquilizer for Terry Donahue. Last season his Bruins (5-6) struggled through a suicidal schedule, meeting six bowl teams and losing to four of them. This year the Bruins have to play "only" five bowl teams—four of them on the road. But Donahue has more experience than he had in 1979; ex-Army head coach Homer Smith has been hired to run the offense and a new "zoom" or motion man will be added, sort of as a twelfth starter. All of which means the team not only will be more interesting, it should be better.

There are two sensational players: senior tailback Freeman McNeil, who will rate serious Heisman Trophy consideration after breaking the school's one-season rushing record with 1,396 yards, third best in the nation behind Charles White and George Rogers; and two-time consensus All-America safetyman Kenny Easley (6-3, 207), who made 78 tackles.

Junior fullback Toa Saipale (6-2, 216) will again be blocking for McNeil, but quarterback is less sure. Three sophomores—Tom Ramsey (6-1, 178), Bernard Quarles (6-1, 198), and Jay Schroeder (6-3, 199) are in contention. There's no doubt at the receiving spots, where JoJo Townsell (20 catches for 440 yards), Willie

Curran (20 for 287), Michael Brant, Dokie Williams, Cormac Cafney, tight end Tim Wrightman (22 receptions for 321 yards), and "zoom" man Ronnie DeBose (6-5½, 222) make up a fine unit. The line should be good, even without Brent Boyd and Jim Main, but it might not be deep enough. Senior Larry Lee (6-2½, 255) is the leader at one guard; John Tautolo (6-3, 252) or Don Mahlstedt (6-6, 235) should be at the other. Starters Luis Sharpe (6-6, 255) and Gregg Christiansen (6-5, 222) return at tackles, backed by Curt Mohl (6-5, 257) and Mike Mason (6-7, 256). Redshirt Dave Otey (6-3, 245) or reserve Dan Dufour should take Boyd's center spot.

Some injured "big-play" people are back on defense, but Donahue is concerned about depth here, too. Martin Moss (6-4, 225), Joe Gary (6-5½, 254), and Irv Eatman (6-7, 253) are the leaders at tackle; Karl Morgan (6-2, 240) and Mark Ferguson (6-2½, 222) will vie at nose guard. Arthur Akers (6-3, 217), the team leader with 88 tackles, and Avon Riley (6-3, 208) are at inside linebackers. Brad Plemmons (6-4, 198) and Glenn Windom (6-3, 222), both coming back from knee surgery, may hold off Larry Hall (6-1½, 204) and Scott Stauch (6-1, 189) at outside linebacker. Easley will be joined by sophomore cornerbacks Lupe Sanchez (5-10, 179) and Tom Sullivan (6-0, 179) and likely either Jimmy Turner (6-1, 185), back after an injury, or transfer Walter Lang (6-0, 175).

Fine place-kicker Peter Boermeester is gone, but Norm Johnson could step in skillfully, and Matt McFarland is starting his third season as the regular punter. Offensively, if Donohue can locate a consistent quarterback, the Bruins figure to be highly competitive. Defensively,

where UCLA had problems with the better Pac-10 teams last season, the grinding schedule could prove too costly.

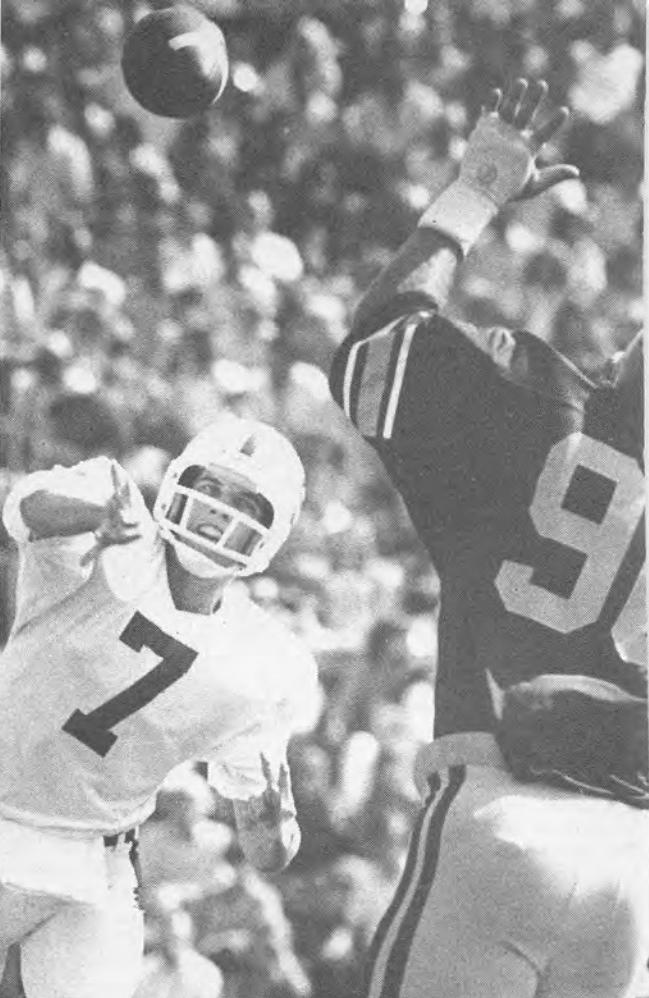
ARIZONA If Terry Donahue at UCLA needs a tranquilizer, Larry Smith should get a sympathy card. Smith, the former Tulane coach, wasn't summoned to Tucson until mid-April, when Tony Mason resigned under fire and when the Wildcats were in the middle of spring practice. So, even though 40 lettermen and 12 starters are back from a 6-5-1 team that played well in the Fiesta Bowl, it's probably way too soon to expect miracles, particularly in light of a schedule that includes Notre Dame, as well as all the Pac-10 heavyweights except Stanford.

Smith's primary task will be to find a quarterback to replace four-year letterman Jim Krohn and a defensive lineman to step in for All-America Cleveland Crosby. Like John Robinson at USC, Smith is looking at a senior, Skip Corley, and several sophomores, Kevin Ward, Mark Fulcher, and Gil Compton, plus freshman Tom Tunnicliffe at quarterback. Ward runs the option; the rest are drop-back passers. The skill positions return fine fullback Hubert Oliver (1,021 yards rushing), split end Tim Holmes (24 catches for 319 yards), and tight end Bill Nettling (6-4, 226), who has solid support from Rich Roberts and Bill Cook. Richard Hersey (605 yards) should move into Larry Heater's tailback spot, with Alfonso Hill or Larry Hogan filling in for flanker Tim Haynes.

Up front offensively, tackle Bill Jensen (6-6, 264) and guards John Wozniak (6-2, 257) and Tom Mann (6-2, 259) return. Chris Knudsen (6-5, 253), John English (6-4, 254), and Neal Harris (6-5, 275) will battle at the other tackle; Brian

Stanford's consensus All-America WR Ken Margerum (left) and Washington quarterback Tom Flick (right)





Christiansen (6-3, 235) and Glenn Hutchinson (6-2, 263) are contending to replace Norm Katnik at center. Place-kicker Bill Zivic and punter Barry Kramer both did well last year.

Mike Robinson (6-5, 257) is back at one tackle; one of five fine freshmen, such as Ivan Lesnik (6-3, 245), could outlast returnee Mike Mosley (6-4, 232) and transfer Gary Schotanus (6-4, 245) for Crosby's old space at the other. Gary Shaw (6-1, 227) and transfer Greg McElhannon (6-2, 256) are contesting at middle guard. There is both quality and depth at linebacker in three-year lettermen Sam Giangardella (6-0, 215), and Jack Housley (6-0, 213), Bob Gareeb (6-1, 224), Jerry Krohn (6-1, 211), Mike Meyer (6-2, 208), Glenn Perkins (6-1, 218), Kelvin Hawthorne (6-2, 194), and Gus Tucker (5-11, 222). The secondary is pretty well set, too, with incumbents Dave Liggins (5-11, 203), Marcellus Greene (5-11, 180), and Reggie Ware (6-1, 193) and reserves Van Brandon (5-10, 185), Tony Neely (6-2, 200), Alfred Gross (6-3, 176), and Drew Hardville (6-1, 190).

The recruiting, obviously, was done by Mason and his staff, who thought they did well, both in quality and quantity. Depth appears to have been added in both lines, especially. But the Wildcats still appeared a little thin to challenge the conference elite even before the staff shakeup. So, despite Larry Smith's skill, anything better than a middle-of-the-road finish now would have to rate as a distinct surprise.

ARIZONA STATE This is the Pac-10's most turbulent spot, and while new coach Darryl Rogers has precedent on his side in dealing with a program in adversity (at Michigan State), he's also short on experience and depth and faces the toughest schedule in Sun Devil history. "Realistically," he says, "we could play a good brand of football that would not be reflected in the record."

There are 18 starters back from a team that won half of its 12 games before having to forfeit five of them. But the losses include quarterback Mark Malone, who may be irreplaceable this season, and top defenders Bob Kohrs and Gary Padjen. Junior Mike Pagel, number two behind Malone in '79, should be the quarterback, and he'll have a good group of wide receivers in John Mistler (12 catches for 498 yards), Ron Washington, Bernard Henry, Melvin Hoover, and tight end Ron Wetzel (6-6, 235). There's competition at running back among leading rusher Robert Weathers (556 yards); Gerald Riggs, who's coming off knee surgery; Duane Wright, Newton Williams, and Willie Gittens, who doubles as a return specialist. But Malone's 641 yards on the ground may be sorely missed. Big, tough sophomore center Dan Mackie (6-6, 256) spearheads a line that should also include tackles Tony Loia (6-3, 295) and John Meyer (6-6, 250) and guards Daryl Mueske (6-4, 245) and Curtis Aaron (6-3, 238) or Rod Essley (6-3, 245), replacing Norris Williams.

The down defensive line is decimated, with Kohrs, Joe Peters, and Tom Allen all gone. The only returnee is end Bryan Caldwell (6-5, 220). Possibilities to join him are ends Walt Bowyer (6-6, 225), Reynaldo Peru (6-5, 255), and Mike White (6-4, 280) and tackles Roy Edwards (6-2,

235) and Jim Jeffcoat (6-6, 240). Linebacking is much more proven going in, with a bevy of young players headed by Joey Lumpkin (6-2, 223), Vernon Maxwell (6-3, 216), Wayne Apuna (6-3, 235), and Jimmy Wilson (6-2, 225), and the secondary has back six players who started at one time or another, including cornerbacks Ron Brown (5-10, 180), Kendall Williams (5-10, 185), and Ralph Dixon (5-9, 190) and safeties Mike Maloney (6-1, 188), Michael Lee (6-3, 193), and Mike Richardson (6-1, 190). Mike Black (36.3 average) is back to handle punts; Scott Peterson (41 points) to kick placements.

In the spring, Rogers, who took over for the famed or infamous Frank Kush, depending on how you look at the situation, thought his defense, not big or deep but very quick, was ahead of his offense—which made pleasing progress. But the Sun Devils, who may lack momentum because they're not eligible for the conference championship, must play every league team but Stanford, including toughies USC and Washington on the road, and also have to contend with Ohio State and Houston in non-conference games. Which caused Rogers, who's never gotten closer to the Pac-10 than San Jose State before this season, to swallow hard and say: "I like this team, but not the schedule." Unless Pagel can match Malone's whopping 2,357 yards in total offense (the next best Sun Devil had only 575) that may be an understatement.

WASHINGTON STATE An old, old problem—defense—deviled the Cougars again in 1979 and Jim Walden is concerned about it. But he brought in 11 JC defenders in the spring, and thinks he'll be deeper and probably better than last year, when his team was 4-7, counting a forfeit win over Arizona State.

Offensively, there will be big early holes at quarterback, running back, and wide receiver, where Steve Grant, Tali Ena, and Bevan Maxey are gone. But the rest of the attack will be carried by veterans. Tim Harris (414 yards) should be at a running back spot, with one of two red-shirts: Mike Washington (5-10, 192), hurt last year or Tom Ramberg (5-10, 195). Leading receiver Jim Whatley (31 catches for 513 yards), Mike Wilson, Cameron Mitchell, and tight ends Pat Beach (23 catches for 354 yards) and Rick Hedlund (6-0, 241) will be good targets for the new quarterbacks who've already won the Pac-10 name game—Clete Casper (6-0, 188) and Samoa Samoa (6-2, 202).

Walden thinks he may have the best offensive line in the league. The leader is Associated Press All-America tackle, Allan Kennedy (6-7, 265). He'll be joined by returnees Steve Johnson (6-6, 260) at the other tackle and Greg Sykes (6-6, 243) at a guard. The other guard likely will be Gary Patrick (6-3, 233), with Eugene Emerson (6-2, 226) moving in for Scott Rogers at center. Excellent punter Tim Davey (41.2-yard average) and place-kicker Mike DeSanto (team-leading 47 points) will head the special teams.

The defensive front begins with veterans Matt Elisara (6-3, 250), Mike Walker (6-1, 246), and Ken Collins (6-3, 230) at tackles, but they should be pressed by a trio of sophomores: John Winslow (6-4, 235), Charlie Flager (6-3, 248), and Ted Jacobsen (6-3, 230). A larger improved Lewis Lobdell (6-2, 220) will challenge Brian Flores (6-1, 211) at nose guard. Linebacking may be a major concern. Gone are Sam

Busch, Don Nevels, and others. Two three-year lettermen, Scott Pelluer (6-2, 212) and Mel Sanders (6-2, 220), will play outside in Walden's 5-2 alignment, but inside it's wide open. Reserve Dennis Braun (6-2, 215) may be teamed with a JC transfer, Ken Johnson (6-0, 204), Chet Williams (6-0, 225), or John Samuelson (6-2, 205). After two years of struggling, the secondary looks much better, with five returnees—Hugh Parker (5-10, 190), Darren Talley (5-11, 175), John West (6-3, 212), Jeff Files (6-1, 180), and Gary Teague (6-0, 186), being joined by six transfers, headed by Nate Bradley (5-10, 186) and Paul Sorensen (6-0, 189).

Walden has reason, it would seem, to look for a little improvement in his third season as Cougar coach, but his team gave up more than 33 points a game while the Grant-Ena led offense was averaging only 22. There's no question that ratio will have to be altered if WSU is to make the kind of strides, say, that Northwest neighbor Oregon is making.

OREGON STATE Joe Avezzano has a degree in criminology from Florida State, and his first task in his first head coaching job is to search out some players. Avezzano, 36, worked 11 years as an assistant coach under Johnny Majors, and went through rebuilding programs at Iowa State, Pittsburgh, and Tennessee. Taking over for Craig Fertig, he has a massive one with the Beavers, 1-10 last year before being awarded a forfeit win over Arizona State.

Avezzano was Majors' offensive coordinator in recent years, and if the Beavers have a strength, that's where it lies. There's experience at quarterback in Scott Richardson (145 completions for 1,645 yards), at running back in Darryl Minor and Tim Sim (out most of last season with an injury), at fullbacks in Tony Robinson (525 yards) and Mike Smith (also injured part of the '79 season), and in the offensive line. The key man there should be senior tackle Kevin Donaghue (6-3½, 263), who missed the last campaign with a foot injury. The starting tackles, senior Rich Humphreys (6-6, 264) and

Riki Gray, All-PAC 10 LB for USC



USC WR Kevin Williams (top left) is one TD catch short of PAC-10 record; **John Elway (top right)**, another of Stanford's fine quarterbacks; fullback **Toussaint Tyler (left)**, Washington

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sophomore Rick Loberg (6-5, 238), senior guard Matt Reinhard (6-3, 243), and junior center Roger Levasa (6-2, 251) all return. Brad Sorem (6-2, 240) is likely to step in for Brian Stack at the other guard. Senior Chris Smith (6-3½, 224) is a three-year starter at tight end.

The major offensive losses are wide receiver Steve Coury, the nation's second-leading receiver, and OSU's school-record-holding place-kicker, Kieron Walford. Dan Fidel, Gary Lee, Armand Chong, and DeMonty Price, all lettermen, will get first look at the receiver spots. Sophomore Chris Mangold may handle all the Beavers' kicking.

It's defense where Avezzano has horrendous problems. In one stretch last season, the Beavers gave up 131 points in three games, and were shut out each time. Six opponents scored more than 40 points. And there are only two starters back—end Nick Westerberg (6-5½, 231) and linebacker David Howard (6-1½, 207). Freshmen will get long looks in the line, where there are just three lettermen along with Westerberg—Darren Couts (6-4, 243), Kip Storey (6-6, 216), and Marty Wedlow (6-2, 271). Senior Lew Wilson (6-1, 215) is the best bet to operate opposite Howard at linebacker. The secondary will be completely restructured, with transfers Forrest Pellum (5-11, 170) and Kellen Young (6-1, 195) bidding for spots along with returnees Mark Hettum (5-8½, 188), Dee Ward (6-1½, 175), and Victor Simmons (6-2, 190).

Avezzano had 25 freshmen and 44 sophomores on his 103-player spring roster. About all the new coach can hope for this season is that they mature fast enough that the Beavers will stop being embarrassed. "We have a numbers problem," he says. "We don't have experienced numbers, old hands on deck that have been in ball games and can come out and perform. We need to replenish our stock with quality high school recruiting and then develop the young men that will start for us for a few years."

PACIFIC COAST AA

SAN JOSE STATE Any team that loses a quarterback like Ed Luther (3,049 yards passing) and a running back like Jewerl Thomas (859 yards rushing, 276 yards receiving) should be in trouble. But Jack Elway's Spartans, 6-4-1 in 1979, probably will be favored to win the PCAA title. That's mainly because Elway signed 24 JC transfers—many of them of notable quality—to go with his 53 lettermen. That new talent includes touted cornerbacks Glen McLaren (5-10, 190) and Dwayne Butler (6-1, 180), defensive linemen Mike Curland and Larry Alexander (both 6-4, 245) and Dave Cruz (6-5, 245), linebackers Damon Keeve (6-1, 220), Kurt Morelock (6-1, 230), and Anton Johnson (6-3, 220), and quarterbacks Steve Duddy (6-1, 190) and Dan Jaqua (6-3, 205).

The new quarterbacks will challenge returnees Steve Clarkson and Scott Ruiz for Luther's job. Ken Thomas, a converted defensive back and Jewerl's brother, Bobby Pleasant, and Gerald Willhite are the top candidates

Pat Graham (top) was All-PAC 10 defensive tackle for Bears; **Ken Naber (middle)** needs 18 points to be Stanford all-time scorer; **Washington TB Vince Coby** rushed for 439 yards.



at running back. There's a brilliant receiver in Mark Nichols (773 yards, 11 TD's) and two fine ones, Stacey Bailey (44 catches) and Rick Parma (five TD's). Rick Rasnick (6-2, 225), Max Hooper (6-4, 260), and tight end Tracy Franz (6-5, 215), return in the offensive line; Frank Ratto and Mike Berg as punter and place-kicker. On defense, the leaders could be linebackers John Kulusich (6-2, 225) and Cheyenne Tuufuli (6-2, 250), both coming off injuries; linemen Casey Gulliford (6-1, 225), Rod Traylor (6-3, 245) and Alex Toeania (6-0, 260), and backs Gary Walker (5-10, 185) and Jerome Bearden (6-1, 180). Elway doesn't have to get his team ready for a PCAA game until mid-October, which should allow it time to jell.

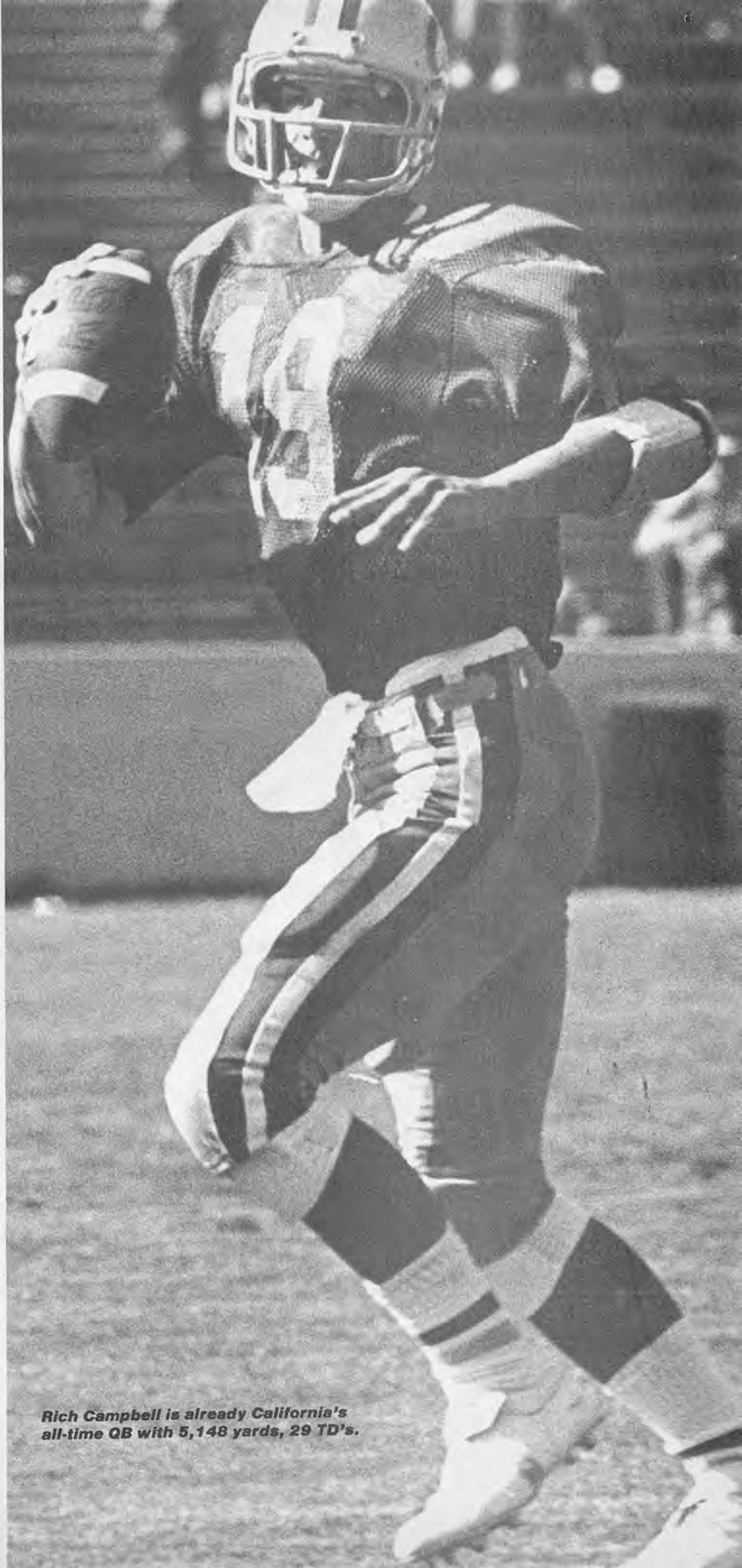
LONG BEACH STATE The 49ers scored 70 points in games against PCAA leaders Utah State and San Jose State last season. But they gave up 104, which reduced them to a 3-2 record in the conference, 7-4 overall. Still, Dave Currey's team held seven opponents under 20 points, was one of the nation's top defensive clubs against the run, and returns an All-America candidate, Ben Rudolph (6-6, 260) at defensive tackle, along with starters or lettermen at each of the four linebacking spots.

Rudolph, who had 63 tackles, five sacks, and an interception, will be joined by middle guard Marty Podroza (6-4, 240), tackle Dave Doniak (6-2, 240), and JC All-Americans Michael Otis (6-2, 210) and Anthony Swain (6-2, 223) in the defensive front. Bill Mitchell (99 tackles, 10 sacks), Kim Thomas (6-2, 220), Mike Musso (6-0, 225), Ken Bielman (6-1, 228), and Joe Lipp (6-0, 215) make up a strong linebacking corps, but JC transfers will have to help safety Ervin Cobbs, a two-time All-PCAA choice, in the secondary.

Senior Kevin Starkey (6-1, 185), who played behind Paul McGaffigan, should be the quarterback, with quick Henry Williams (6-0, 170) and Ron Johnson (6-3, 180) at wide receivers, Bill Kelly or transfer Darren Long at tight end, and Ron Settles (663 yards), Dan Duddridge (405 yards), Ralph Perez, Mark Sponsler, and Doug Land at running backs. Three starters—center Carl Allen (6-3, 240), guard Art Moore (6-1, 241), and tackle Randy Bache (6-4, 240)—will be joined by transfers like Buddy Hindman (6-2, 250) and Jerry Mejia (6-1, 230) in the offensive line. The kicking game looks good, with place-kicker man Ralph Petrosian and JC All-America punter Mike Horan.

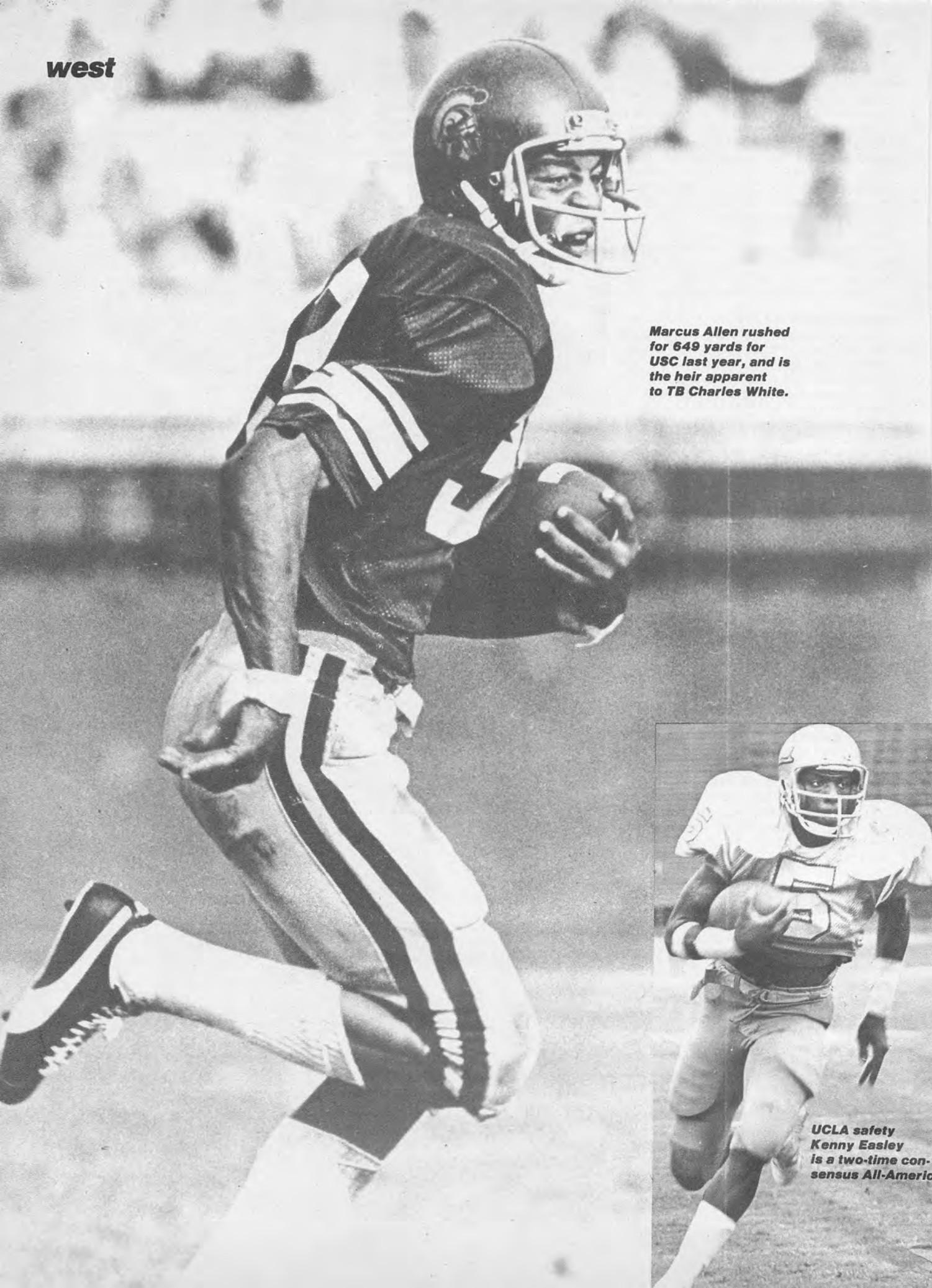
UTAH STATE Not as experienced, as explosive, or as good as in 1979, but still plenty dangerous. That's the prognosis for Bruce Snyder's Aggies, who finished 9-2 (7-3-1, excluding forfeits) and won the PCAA with a 5-0 record. The chief imponderable is at quarterback where Eric Hippel, the nation's sixth-top passer, and fine back-up Craig Bradshaw have graduated and transfer Jim Jacob left school. There are other major losses, too, such as all-time school rushing leader Rick Parros, All-America lineman Rulon (Too Tough) Jones, and defenders Kelly Kirwan and Donnie Henderson.

The obvious offensive strength is at wide receiver, where returnee James Murphy caught 63 passes for 1,067 yards; Ken Thompson 48 for 918. Ken Brown (6-1, 217) is back at tight end. Quarterbacks Kimber Hall, Chico Canales, and Paul Petros will be bidding to throw to them. The offensive linemen of note is

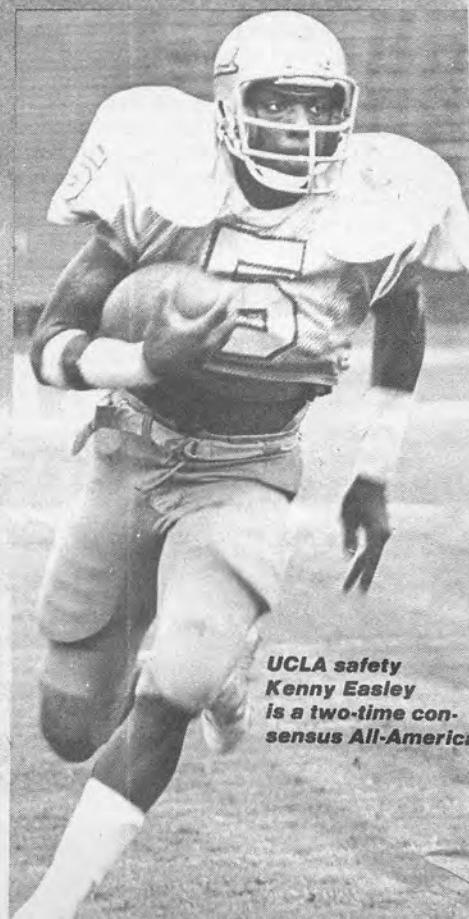


Rich Campbell is already California's all-time QB with 5,148 yards, 29 TD's.

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Marcus Allen rushed
for 649 yards for
USC last year, and is
the heir apparent
to TB Charles White.



UCLA safety
Kenny Easley
is a two-time con-
sensus All-America.

senior center Mike Fosmark (6-2, 240). Guy McClure and Steve Steinke are back to handle punts and placements. On defense, Snyder has a good corps of outside linebackers in David Bluford, Brett Ure, Ken Ciancone, and Dave England (6-3, 228); a fine inside linebacker, Dennis DeLoach (6-3, 225), and a solid cornerback, Larry Hogue (5-9, 172), if he's recovered from knee problems. It's obvious, however, newcomers will have to play key roles if the Aggies are to remain highly competitive. Some of them will include Hal Garner (6-4, 190), a defensive back sought by USC, Ohio State, and Nebraska; offensive linemen Brian Wandling (6-2, 250); defensive linemen Mitch Kaiser (6-2, 270); Greg Kragen (6-4, 235); Anthony Crowell (6-3, 230); and running backs Curtis McGee and Andre Bynum.

FRESNO STATE After two seasons as a pro assistant coach with the Raiders and Cardinals, Jim Sweeney returns as Bulldogs' head coach, taking over a 4-7 club that was 2-3 in the conference and has many question marks, although most offensive starters return and the defensive secondary should be strong. Sergio Toscano (1,084 yards passing) and Gary Kaiser, who shared time at quarterback in '79, will be working with three veteran running backs, Ken Lovely (825 yards rushing), Keith Gooch, and Ted Torosian; and two wide receivers with talent, Henry Ellard and Jerry Everett; plus a fine tight end, Scott Scambray (26 receptions for 447 yards). David Johnson (6-0, 225), a four-year starter, and Steve Johnson (6-2, 240) will be back at guard, teamed with Greg Simonian (6-5, 243), Mark McNaughton (6-2, 250), Joe Becker (6-2, 249), or transfer Brett Lawson (6-2, 255) at tackle and Ed Baker (6-3, 230) or perhaps Kent Tucker (6-3, 220) at center.

Sweeney's multiple defense will have veterans Jack Hayes (6-3, 232), Chris Shipp (6-3, 220), and Mike Silva (6-3, 240) at ends; ex-nose

guard Bubba Stevens (6-0, 237) and newcomers Jeff Dockweiler (6-4, 255) and Anton Pointer (6-5, 260) at tackles. The linebacking corps, with Pat Collins (6-2, 212), Glenn McNair (6-2, 227), Alvin Sloan (6-1, 210), and Bob Zemanek (6-0, 185) primary, may be thin, but there's no such worry in the secondary, which will feature ex-California Berkeley players Tim and Anthony Washington, who also happen to be brothers; Wendell Williams (5-10, 155), Billy Yancy (5-11, 170), Melvin Graves, Tim Colman, and Kent Payne. Senior Al Clark, who handled both punting (39.6 average) and place-kicking (41 points) last season, also is a welcome returnee.

PACIFIC Bob Toledo's debut as head coach of the Tigers (3-7, 0-6 in the PCAA) probably made him wish he had stayed as an assistant coach at USC. There are some definite strengths this time around—defensive backfield, quarterbacks, receivers—but some large question marks, too. Such as who's going to replace Brad Vassar and Dallas Nelson, the All-America honorable-mention linebackers. Still, defense looks better than offense in Stockton. The line, weak last season, should be much better, thanks mainly to Jeff Bednarek (6-4, 252), a senior transfer from Colorado, at one tackle; sophomore Marcus Perro (6-4, 238) at the other tackle; sophomore George Dunlap (6-2, 223) at nose guard. All-PCAA linebacker Mike Merriweather (6-3, 213) has great talent, and three members of a secondary that gave up only nine TD passes, fewest in the conference, return. They're two-time, All-PCAA safety Stan Shibata (6-0, 179), rover Darryl Ragland (6-1, 181), and corner Jeff Tracy (5-9, 170). Transfer Terry Thomas (6-0, 168) may join them.

Sander Markel (6-4, 209), who threw for 1,921 yards as a surprise starter in '79, will be pressed by transfers Grayson Rogers (from Stanford) and Harley Miller. The receiving

corps is minus blue-chip tight end Mike House, but still has senior Rob Wilson (5-10, 180), who had 39 catches and 6 TD's. Running back, where David Edwards (6-0, 193), Tony Culpepper (6-1, 180), and Gary Blackwell (5-11, 200) will get first looks, could again be a trouble spot, and only tackles Kurt Hout (6-4, 244) and Rick Howard (6-7, 240) are back in the line. Punter Roy Gaebel has departed but place-kicker Jeff Council, a sophomore, is back and should be better.

CAL ST. FULLERTON It seems illogical to expect anything startling from the Titans in 1980. They were just 3-8 in 1979 before being awarded two forfeit victories, and Jim Colletto has turned over the head coaching job to Gene Murphy, who led North Dakota to the Division II playoffs last season. Murphy got a late start recruiting in his new job, however, and has only four offensive starters back. A newcomer, too, will have to run Murphy's pro-set, passing-oriented offense. That will be one of two transfers, Ken Fuller or Tom St. Jacques, or fine frosh Bob Caffrey (6-0, 170), who passed for 1,963 yards and 32 TD's as a prep senior. Neither returning running back, John Rayford nor George Griffin, has particularly distinguished credentials on the ground, but Rayford did lead the team in receiving with 21 catches. Another freshman, Bob Reynolds (5-9, 180), could figure here. He rushed for 1,880 yards and 20 TD's last season. Harris Burnett (6-3, 251) is a fine performer at center.

Three All-PCAA players—middle guard Richard Aguilar (5-11, 229), safety Bobby Kemp (5-11 1/2, 177), and linebacker John Bungartz (6-3 1/2, 213)—make the defense look more promising. The secondary should be strong, with Kemp, Emzie Massey (5-11, 183), who had four interceptions, senior strong safety Doug Boswell (6-0, 193), and redshirt transfer Richard

Matt Bouza (left) hauled in 52 of Rich Campbell's passes in '79; Freeman McNeil (right) rates Heisman votes.





Washington State's Mike Washington is top kick returner.

Terry (6-1½, 204), once a starter at California. Starters Ray Jackson (5-11½, 206), Mike Kennedy (6-3½, 232), and Brian Bilotti (5-11½, 220) return at end, tackle, and linebacker, respectively. Murphy's problem will be getting enough offense to give the defense a breather. That looks like a rough assignment, until the youngsters have time to learn his system.

INDEPENDENTS

PORTLAND STATE Viking coach Darrel (Mouse) Davis loses just four players from a 6-5 team that was only 12 points away from an unbeaten season. Davis's "run-and-shoot" offense again will feature quarterback Neil Lomax, an amazing 299 of 516 passing for 3,950 yards and 26 TD's, nation's top receiver Stuart Gauvin (90 catches for 1,132 yards), receiver Clint Didier (51 catches), fullback Joel Sigel, and tackle Kurt Ivanoff (6-1, 227). Back on defense are two-time MVP linebacker Ron Seawell (6-2, 230), nose guard Fred Nordgren (6-0, 225), and three-year secondary starters Scott Martin and Doug Rabe.

SANTA CLARA In his 22nd season, Pat Malley may have one of his best clubs. Eighteen starters and 45 lettermen are back from a 6-3 Bronco team that set a school record with 416.8 offensive yards a game. Fine quarterback Dave Alfaro (1,721 yards passing, 65.4 percent completion average) will again work with running backs Troy Forte (955 yards) and Keith Pedesqueaux and a new receiver, transfer Perry Parmalee (6-3, 185). Brian Sullivan is an excellent kicker. Best of the nine defensive

starters back likely are tackle Keith Wardell (6-5, 235) and safety Mark Eastland.

ST. MARY'S The Gaels went 7-3 for the second straight season under Dick Mannini, and things look good again, with nine defensive starters and all three quarterbacks returning. The top defenders should be All-American safety Fran McDermott (5-10, 170) and a brilliant linebacker, Dan Ross (6-2, 210). Terry Cottle, Mark Drazba, and Guy Houston, who shared time running the team, will work with running back Victor (the Flea) Roberts (5-6, 130), receivers John Arnaudon (29 catches) and Dennis Haskins, and lineman Louis Knight (6-4, 275) and Mike Conway.

CAL LUTHERAN Bob Shoup loses offensive stars Mike Hagen, Dan Hartwig, and Dan McPherson from his 7-2-1 unit, plus five defensive starters, but has back no fewer than nine running backs, headed by fullback Anthony Paopao (501 yards, nine TD's), offensive linemen Scott Savoie (6-2, 235), Craig Hanson (6-2, 210), Ron Harrison (6-1, 212), and Steve Mallernee (6-2, 215), and all-district defensive ends Derek Butler (6-2, 205) and Kevin Anderson (6-4, 220). Defense should be tough as usual, with that pair joined by tackle Tad Wyal (6-1, 225) and linebacker Pat Bolley (6-0, 215).

U. SAN DIEGO The Toreros have done well with defense in NCAA Division III competition and this year shouldn't be any different, thanks to linebackers such as Jack Mason, Randy Adams, Jerome Justice, and Guy Ricciardulli, none big but all talented. Bill Williams will be

mixing transfers in with his five returning offensive starters, led by running backs Joe Henry (5-8, 185) and quarterback Tim Call (6-1, 175), who will be pushed by newcomer Steve Loomis and Rick Zimmer. Big line transfers Corky Calvert (6-3½, 255) and Dwight Thomas (6-1½, 240) should help.

AZUSA PACIFIC Jim Milhon has more experience in his third season as head coach, led by junior wide receiver Paul Nath (103 catches over two years), sophomore running back Rod Martin (785 yards), and senior linemen Randy Twist (6-0, 225) and Jim Gustin (6-1, 205) on offense; junior tackle Doug Barnett (6-4, 250), junior cornerback Ron Cochran (nine interceptions), and senior linebacker Norm Slostod (6-2, 218) on defense. Joining 3-4-1 squad are running-back transfers Tim Thayer and Mike Wells, defensive tackle Mark Pettengill, and linebacker Ron Ponciano.

FAR WESTERN

UC DAVIS The defense must be rebuilt and the kicking game improved for national play-off contention, but the Aggies (6-3-1) figure to win their tenth straight conference title and keep their 33-game league win string alive. Leading Jim Sochor's potent offense are thousand-yard running back Ron Austin (5-11, 175), wide receiver John Del Fatti (5-10, 170), and all-conference guard Ron Smith (6-1, 265). Red-shirt quarterback Ken O'Brien (6-5, 205) should help. On defense, leaders are end Rich Mohr (6-3, 250), linebacker Neal Fromson (6-2, 210), and cornerbacks Melvin Byrd (5-10, 170).

HUMBOLDT STATE The Loggers would seem to be in good position for a run at perennial Far Western champ UC Davis, despite several major losses from an 8-2 team. Bud Van Deren's offensive leaders will be running backs Kerry Bonner and Jeff Burrell, numbers two and three in the conference in '79, and tackles Efrain Ramos and Ben Sublet. Transfers Bill Plant, Eric Pederson, and John Irvin will vie at quarterback. Frank Aufdermauer and David Rush return in the defensive line, while Vic Jackson, a transfer from USC, joins Clinton Brill and Mike Malkovich at a linebacker spot.

SAN FRANCISCO ST. The Gators improved from 1-9 in 1978 to 4-6 last year and have the experience and talent to keep moving up. The two top quarterbacks, Russ Jensen and Ben Parodi, return, along with top running back Joe McFadden and senior Michael Brown. The school's top scoring kicker of all time, Alan Dewart, a fine punter, too, is a major plus. The defense is intact and strong, with all-conference linebacker Gil Castillo, two four-year starting linebackers, Joe Garrity and Chuck Werk, and back Don Sutton, first-team All-FWC each of last two seasons.

CHICO STATE Dick Trimmer returns 24 lettermen from a 5-6 team (2-3 in conference play), including tight end Bob DeGraves (6-4, 220), a pro prospect who caught 20 passes for 268 yards; running backs Brian Benninger and Tom Murphy (286 yards); reserve quarterback Ed Fitzgerald; offensive linemen Brian Lisle (6-2, 235) and Jim Saunders (6-2, 220), and defensive tackle Art Ramsey (5-10, 235) and linebacker Stanley Reese (6-1, 190), both all-conference. The top newcomers look to be a pair of JC transfers—offensive lineman Tim Sands and linebacker Frank McNally.



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SACRAMENTO STATE The Hornets were just 3-7 in 1979 but had two more wins than in their initial season under Bob Mattos, who seems to be building a respectable program. Mattos thinks he may have the best quarterback in the conference in senior Ken Broughton (6-0, 175), and defensive lineman Jerry Shuck (6-4, 220) is a pro prospect. Top rusher Dennis Bright (355 yards), tight end Abe Morales, wide receiver Herb Williams, and center Randy Bingham (5-11, 210) are among offensive returnees. Safeties Jerome Washington (6-0, 178) and Jim Brown (6-2, 173) are back on defense.

CAL ST. HAYWARD The Pioneers, expected to challenge for the conference title in '79, slumped instead to a 1-9 season and were 0-5 in league play. The offense still is a big question, even with quarterback John Tarasuk (6-0, 185) and linemen Greg Carter (6-3, 250) and Steve Pricco (6-4, 250). Tailback Ron Greene could make a major difference if he is recovered from a back injury. The defense looks solid, with All-FWC tackle Mark Candelario (6-3, 235), tackle Bill Ballard (6-2, 225), linebackers Roger Smith, Al Avila, and Rich Conte, and star safety Jay Shipe (5-11, 180).

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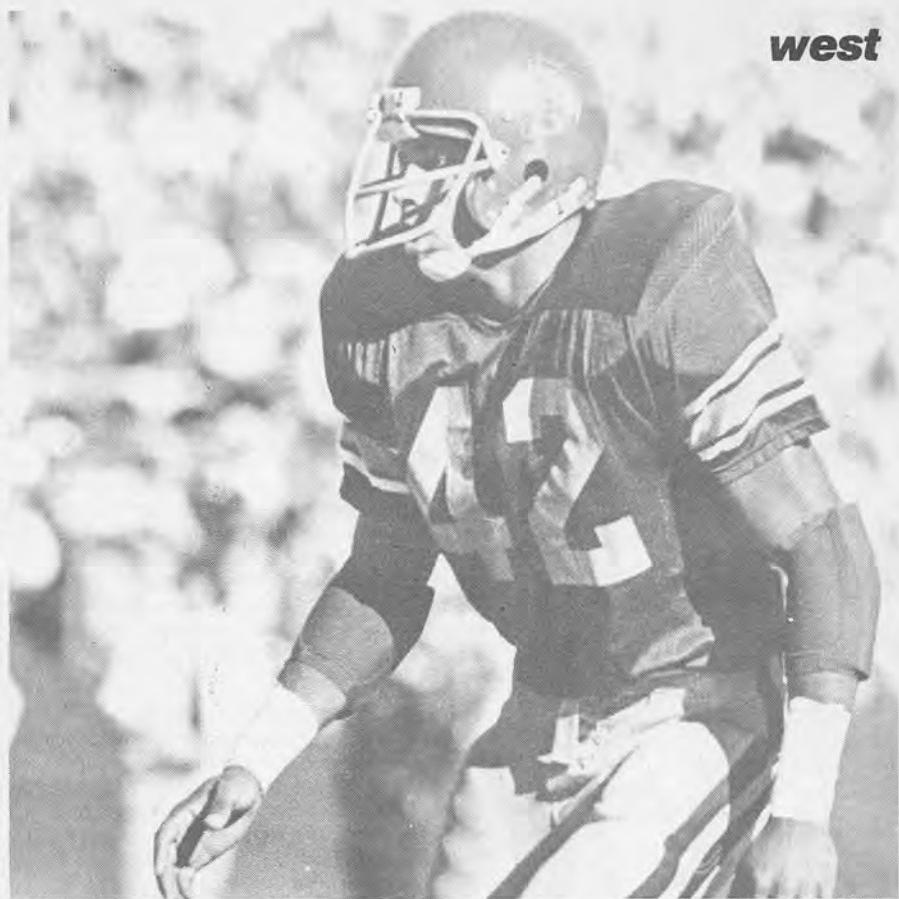
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CAL POLY S.L. OBISPO "We should have a super team," says Joe Harper, who's had many good ones in 13 years as Mustang coach. Back off 1979's 7-3 squad are wide receiver Robbie Martin (35 catches for 606 yards) and tailback Louis Jackson (675 yards despite injury problems). They'll be joined by redshirt quarterback Craig Johnston, who will take over for departed Reid Lundstrom. Most of the defense returns, headed by linebackers Mel Kaufman and Jan Kirchhof and backs Chris Jones and LeCharles McDaniel (each of whom had five interceptions) and Ralph Gallagher.

CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE The Matadors should better their 3-7 record if they can rebuild an offensive line. Tom Keele has Rick Minyard, number three in NCAA Division II offense (2,074 yards) back at quarterback, with Alvin Hooks (28 receptions for 496 yards) and Randy Ryan (27 for 377) at wide receivers. The defensive strength will be at linebacker, where veterans Phil Bertole (6-1, 220), Tim Maulhardt (6-1, 195), who led the team in tackles, and Dirk Fulton (6-2, 215) all return, as does Mike McCoy (5-10, 235), who will shift from nose guard to tackle in 4-3 alignment.

CAL POLY POMONA Famed former pro quarterback Roman Gabriel was hired in late spring to replace Jim Jones and try to bring back the Broncos (only 3-8 before two forfeits). Running back Charles Cole (673 yards) and wide receiver Elvis Botley (14 catches for 181 yards) are solid. Three transfers—quarterbacks Ben Zabriskie and Fred Collins and JC All-America tackle Steve Clark—will aid the offense. Defensively, senior Don Drake (6-4, 230) is a fine tackle. He had 128 tackles and 11 sacks. The other tackle, senior Ed Kelly (6-3, 235), is a good one, too.

Ronnie Lott (top) is excellent DB for USC; Allan Kennedy is first-team Street & Smith All-America.



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CLAREMONT-MUDD The Stags lose all-league players from a conference championship team that went 7-3, but John Zinda had depth in '79 and thinks he can remain on top despite a questionable defense. A fine offense will be led by running back Billy Reed (775 total yards) and quarterback Curt Hagfeldt (6-4, 205), who takes over from Bob Farra. Other top talent includes two-time All-SCIAC defensive back Matt Kawamura (5-9, 165), linemen brothers Adam (6-4, 250) and David (6-1, 235) Bercovici, and linebackers Brian Bullock (6-1, 205) and John Lerew (5-11, 210).

WHITTIER Defensive coordinator Hugh Mendez takes over for 20-year head coach John Godfrey and thinks he has the material to lead the Poets to their first league title since 1972. Offensive stars are running back Dwayne Jones, a tiny sophomore who rushed for 827 yards, and all-conference guard Mike Chavez (6-2, 235), but Mendez will need better passing from quarterback Peter Janke. Senior lineman Ted McCaslin (5-11, 235) has been All-SCIAC three straight years, and junior Louie Sanchez (5-8, 165) stars as a defensive back, punter (41-yard average), and place-kicker.

REDLANDS Frank Serrao's Bulldogs, who had won six straight league titles, sagged to a 3-6 season but won their last two games impressively and seem on the way back. Junior tailback Tony Haertl rushed for 1,032 yards, but is coming off broken leg suffered in baseball. He'll have help from senior quarterback John Fouch, fullback Mike Fleming, split end Dave Sevey (33 catches), and tackle Kelly Thomas (6-2, 230). Defensive standouts should be cornerback Paul Price (5-9, 180), tackle Mike Remy (6-1, 225), and middle guard Sam Richey (5-9, 225).

LA VERNE Roland Ortmayer starts his 33rd season with a good nucleus from the Leopard team that was 5-4 in 1979, and finished well. Outstanding offensive player is big tight end Max Sine (6-4, 225), an all-district choice. Sophomore Joaquin Zendejas is an exceptional kicker (50 and 55-yard field goals in one game). Tackle Scott Shier (6-4, 200), guard Rob Polling (5-11, 200), and center Eric Allen (5-11, 200) key the offensive line. The defense will be built around linebackers Paul Martinez, Dan Olivera, and Jerry Redman and safety Fred Gomeztrejo.

POMONA-PITZER This may be the SCIAC's coming team, under coach Mike Steinhour, despite only a 3-5 record in '79. Thirty-eight lettermen return, although stars George Bushala, Brian Miller, and Wayne and Alan Bergland have departed. Back are quarterback Kevin Pete (more than 900 yards passing), receivers John Wyatt and Rudy Duran, offensive linemen Jim McFadden (6-6, 243) and Matt Sullivan (6-2, 218), linebacker Charles Windsor (6-3, 215), nose guard Rich Groter (5-11, 209), cornerback Clovis Campbell (6-3, 190), and safety Karl Krausman (6-1, 187).

OCCIDENTAL Coach Bruce Allen, George's son, left the Tigers after a 2-6-1 season, and the future is cloudy. The offense, with eight starters back, looks better than the defense. Quarterback Greg Moseley threw for 1,708 yards; running back Kevin Houseman gained 522. Other offensive veterans are receiver Dave Lonsinger and linemen Bill Dobson, Dave Frankeney, John Carroll, and Dave Kent. The best defenders look to be all-league linebacker Penn Krause, MVP secondary man Dan Ertel, and linemen Ted Bacon (6-0, 185), Eric Raff (5-10, 195), and Kirk Clopton (6-0, 200).

Portland State quarterback Neil Lomax passed for 3,950 yards; Santa Clara running back Troy Forte ran for 955 yards.



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All this time you thought those initials on the schedule stood for Mountain Standard Time and his contrary cousin, Mountain Daylight Time. And that was true enough, at least until Western Athletic Conference football started turning up in volleyball and luau locales like El Cajon and Waikiki Beach, and the Saturday scores didn't start trickling back to the Rockies until the bartenders were hollering, "Last call!"

But then, this is the WAC—the wacky WAC, some folks insist on calling it. And there seems to be something about the mountains and the wide open spaces and all that clean air that definitely makes this MST—Mighty Strange Territory.

WAC

1. Brigham Young, 2. Utah, 3. Hawaii, 4. San Diego State, 5. Colorado State, 6. Wyoming, 7. New Mexico, 8. Texas-El Paso, 9. Air Force, Nevada-Las Vegas (ineligible)

BIG SKY

1. Boise State, 2. Montana State, 3. Nevada-Reno, 4. Northern Arizona, 5. Idaho, 6. Weber State, 7. Montana, 8. Idaho State

How strange is it? Look, there are plenty of examples. Try this one: where else can the all-league sophomore quarterback of 1978 wind up calling signals for his school's scout team in 1979—while the player he started ahead of leads the team to an unbeaten regular season and finishes third in the Heisman Trophy balloting?

Brigham Young, that's where. And that's what makes the Cougars MDT—Mighty Damn Tough. So talented and so deep were the Cougars that no WAC team came with 23 points of beating them. They set 23 league and six NCAA records and led every WAC team statistical category but rushing offense. Thirteen—count 'em, 13—Cougars were all-conference.

"I'd never dreamed anything like that would happen," confessed BYU coach LaVell Edwards, "especially after that rash of problems we had to begin with." You'll remember that Cougar regulars were taking over the local appendectomy ward. Quarterback Marc Wilson almost had his run for the Heisman terminated in August by a ruptured appendix. Defensive end Matt Mendenhall and offensive tackle Ray Linford got to show off scars, too.

That presented Edwards with a dilemma: should he redshirt All-WAC quarterback Jim McMahon, coming off spring knee surgery? Or could he rely on Wilson—super as a sophomore but erratic as a junior—to be ready in time to play his senior season?

Edwards chose A. He was now batting 1.000 and would continue to do so until December 21. That's when BYU—ninth-ranked at the time—had a chance to close out the season 12-0 with a victory in the Holiday Bowl. Only Arizona State (in 1970 and 1975) had ever turned the trick in the WAC.

But despite the Cougars' unusual 500-yard-plus of offense, Indiana prevailed 38-37 when

Tim Wilbur raced 62 yards with a punt late in the fourth quarter. BYU still had a chance to win, but Brent Johnson muffed a 27-yard field goal.

"You look at the 38 points and think 'Poor defense,'" says Edwards, "but what bothered me more than anything was our kicking game—it just broke down completely. We dropped one punt, had the one run back for a TD, missed the winning field goal. Our kickoff coverage wasn't good—they ran two or three back to midfield. I'd like to have that one back, I surely would."

Maybe they can. Edwards thinks the 1980 Cougars can be as good as last year's model, providing the right chemistry is found—and providing the Cougars can subdue the enthusiasm bubbling at Utah, Hawaii, and San Diego State—three legitimate threats to BYU's dominance.

Still, that's all they are—threats. "You like to entertain thoughts of being competitive," sighs Hawaii coach Dick Tomey, "but you have to prove you can beat BYU. We haven't done that yet, and neither has anybody else."

But the Rainbows are in BYU's league, in a way. "If you take all the teams in the Pac-10 and the WAC and figure out how many have had back-to-back winning seasons," he points out, "you'll find four—USC, Washington, BYU, and us. That's a pretty fair statistic."

Beyond those first four, the WAC is suffering a bit. Colorado State might be a good dark-house bet. Wyoming and New Mexico are going through some painful learning under new coaches. Texas-El Paso is still Texas-El Paso—6-52 in the past five years. The welcome mat is out for new member Air Force, but the Falcons may be something of a doormat themselves. And Nevada-Las Vegas is still sitting by the phone.

The BYU of the Big Sky is Boise State, which would have claimed its fifth championship in seven years last season had coach Jim Criner not hired a buddy to play I Spy on a Northern Arizona practice in 1978. Probation denied the Broncos, who take a ten-game winning streak into the 1980 season, a berth in the Division I-AA play-offs.

Montana State made a startling about-face from a bad start and won the title, but didn't get to go, either—6-4 records not being very attractive to selection committees. Nevada-Reno was third and did go—and lost narrowly to eventual champ Eastern Kentucky.

MSU and Reno appear to be Boise's major challengers, along with Northern Arizona. The schedule maker was good to MSU—all of the other three biggies must come to Bozeman.

The Rockies' candidates for post-season "all—" status include Jim McMahon, Nick Eyre (OT), Clay Brown (TE), and Glen Redd (LB) of BYU; Tony Lindsay (RB) and Jeff Griffin (DB) of Utah; Hawaii's Gary Allen (RB) and Jim Asmus (K); San Diego State's Mark Halda (QB); Orbry Chamblee (LB) of Colorado State; Mike Shaft (OG) of Wyoming; Brad Wright (QB) and Sharay Fields (DB) of New Mexico; Melvin Besses (DE) of UTEP; Sam King (QB) of Las Vegas; and Air Force's Mike France (LB). Also look out for Big Sky stars Joe Aliotti (QB) and Cedric Minter (RB) of Boise; Reno's Frank Hawkins (RB); and linebackers Ed Judie of North Arizona, and Kent Clausen of Montana.

BYU QB Jim McMahon was All-WAC in '78 when he threw for over 1,410 yards.

BRIGHAM YOUNG Gee, you have to pity poor LaVell Edwards. Losing an All-America quarterback like Marc Wilson and his three-billion-yard right arm has to hurt, right?

Every coach should be in such pain. Cougar fans may be asking "Marc who?" by mid-season if Jim McMahon picks up where he left off in 1978. McMahon, who redshirted in 1979 following knee surgery, started ahead of Wilson and was named All-WAC.

And it's not as though McMahon is going to be the lone ranger. Fourteen Cougar starters from the team that lost only once return, with only the offensive line any kind of question mark. But then, the Cougars aren't exactly poor folk in that department, either. Tackle Nick Eyre (6-5, 276) was All-WAC a season ago, as was tight end Clay Brown (6-3, 222, 31 catches). Guard Calvin Close started two years ago, and tackle Ray Linford was a projected starter until having to undergo an appendectomy. Other candidates include center Trevor Matich, guards Lloyd Eldridge and Neils Tidwell, and tackle Walt Manwill (250).

The Cougars put the ball in the air more than 35 times a game last fall, which certainly didn't hurt the receivers' statistics. The deep threat is All-WAC split end Lloyd Jones (33 catches, 735 yards), but Bill Davis, Matt Braga, and Don Plater all caught 20 or more.

The backs, too, know how to catch the ball as well as run. Homer Jones, another all-league pick, led the team with 46 receptions; fullback Eric Lane had 39 and back-up Scott Phillips 34. Though not exactly prolific on the ground, BYU's per-play average was second only to Hawaii's, and Lane and Jones rushed for more than 500 yards apiece. Jones was also the WAC's best kick returner, averaging 26.3 a runback.

While the Cougar offense was rolling up a nation-leading 521 yards a game, the defense was the best in the WAC, giving up just 11 points a game—and eight starters return. Three are All-WAC performers—end Glen Titensor (6-4, 244), linebacker Glen Redd (6-2, 229), and defensive back Bill Schoepflin. Sophomore Mike Morgan (6-4, 240) mans the other end, with Pulusila Filiaga (246) returning at one tackle and Chuck Ehin (250) and Jim Jaramillo (247) at the other.

Ed St. Pierre returns alongside Redd at linebacker, and Kyle Whittingham and David Aupiu are among the possible replacements for Gary Kama, a graduated all-star. Schoepflin, Bob Prested, and Rob Wilson all started in the secondary, and the lone vacancy, at strong safety, should be filled by Mark Brady or red-shirt Rob Salazar, who transferred last year from USC.

Clay Brown also led the WAC in punting (45.3), but Edwards must replace the league's leading scorer, kicker Brent Johnson.

UTAH Wayne Howard has seen it all in his three years at Utah—the good (his 8-3 team of 1978), the bad (3-8 in 1977), and the ugly. It wasn't the 6-6 record that made 1979 so unsightly, but the Utes' parade to the hospital. "They were dropping like mad," recalls Howard. "We had so many injuries that we

Utah DB Jeff Griffin (bottom) had 3 interceptions for TD's in '78. BYU OG Nick Eyre (top) excels.



have to have 40 or 50 guys around here who started one or two or three games."

Naturally, Howard hopes to make that pay off this year—if his team's health holds up. In fact, Howard is so confident of that returning strength that Floyd Hodge, the WAC's third-ranked quarterback, is being moved to receiver. "Floyd's more of a sprint-out passer," reasoned Howard, "and we've always been a drop-back team. He's really a plus for us at wide receiver."

Not that the Utes were hurting there. Leading catcher Jim Teahan (33 for 560 yards) is back, and JC newcomer Mervin Fernandez is a dandy. Steve Folsom—"probably our best football player," in his coach's eyes—is solid at tight end.

Ricky Hardin, one of last year's wounded who started the first three games, leads the quarterback race ahead of redshirt Tyce Ferguson and soph Ricky Harrison, "who's going to be our quarterback some day," says Howard.

Tony Lindsay's second straight 800-plus-yard season made him Utah's all-time leading rusher with his senior year yet to come. Pair him with fullback Del Rodgers and you have one of the WAC's most potent combinations. Sam Baldwin and Robbie Richeson (injured in the spring) add depth.

Center seems to be the only question mark on the offensive line. Don Eck (230) and JC transfer Pete Vargas are battling to join Wayne Jones (6-4, 250), Dean Miraldi (6-5, 235), and Tim Davis (6-6, 250).

Defensively, the Utes list 11 returnees who started last season, though injuries kept a few out of spring ball. Among the absent were end Frank Shelton and tackle Steve Clark (6-5, 240), whom Howard calls "the class defensive lineman of the WAC." Gene LaRocque is a pretty fair tackle, too, and Matt Phelps is solid at the other end.

Bill Gompf, second in the WAC with six interceptions, and Mark Anderson are the returning starters at linebacker, and Utah's one hole there should be plugged by Dan Stewart, who started as a freshman in 1977 at defensive end.

The secondary is especially deep with once-upon-a-time starters, but All-WAC cornerman Jeff Griffin has started 34 straight games as a Ute. Across the field, Charlie Reid and Terry Hess both started last year, and safeties Forrest Henry and Tony Reed were regulars two seasons ago.

HAWAII Like Edwards and Howard, Rainbow coach Dick Tomey is in an enviable position. The good news: seventeen starters—and 36 of the top 44 lettermen—return from the team that beat Arizona State in the season's finale, wrapping up a 6-5 season. The bad news: the Rainbows completed just one pass in that game, and aerial yardage for the season was just half that of 1978.

So, one of Tomey's priorities is to improve the passing game. "Playing three different quarterbacks was one of the problems," he said. "We became a great rushing team, but we lost confidence in our passing."



Tony Lindsay rushed for 816 yards and 3 TD's for Utah last year.

The Rainbows still have three quarterbacks, with senior Blaine Gaison having a slight edge. Gaison has been yo-yoed from QB (a part-time starter as a freshman) to free safety and back, responding by leading Hawaii to wins over Colorado State and ASU. But he'll have to beat out Mike Stennis and Steve Rakshani, who shared the job last year.

In attempting to revive the passing game, Tomey moved number four QB Tim Lyons to wide receiver, where he'll vie with letterman Duane Coleman and redshirt Ron Pennick.

The emergence of Hawaii as the WAC's top rushing team (257 per game) is due largely to All-WAC tailback Gary Allen (1,040 yards, 8

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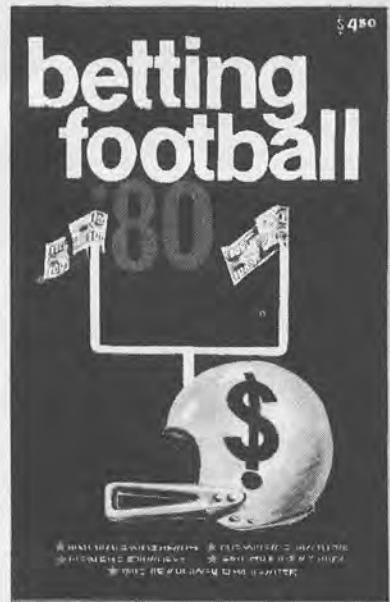
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TD's). Says Tomey, "Pro people tell me he may be the best in the West."

When they don't go to Allen, the 'Bows have David Toloumu (501 yards) and George Bell (394). Opening the holes for these talented backs will be a veteran line led by Ed Riewerts, Keith Ah Yuen (6-3, 265), Mike Gibson (6-3, 255), and tackle John Bell (6-4, 220). Guard Jesse Sapulu (6-3, 240) may wind up at the other tackle. Bill McKale and Dave Barbour (both 6-4, 220) are the tight ends.

Tommy's biggest hole is defensive tackle, where he lost all-leaguer Tom Tunei. Kesi Afalava (6-4, 230) started as a freshman, but none of the other young players are proven. Itai Satuna seems solid at nose guard.

All the linebacking starters are back—Marcus Tarver and Andrew Moody on the outside (both two-year regulars) and Rick Obbema (6-2½, 240) and Steve Lehoh inside. Still, Nathan Fletcher, a 1978 letterman, may be the most talented.

And the Rainbows are loaded in the secondary, even with Gaison gone. Keoni Jardine can play either safety spot, and Verlon Redd and Vernon Gearring both had fine springs. At the corners, Lyndell Jones and Dana McLemore started last year.

Actually, Hawaii's best all-around threat may be kicker Dick Asmus. He set two WAC records: Only 15 of 58 punts were returned for a 2.8 average, and he booted 34 consecutive PAT's. He was 13-19 on field goals.

SAN DIEGO STATE If Claude Gilbert has title aspirations again, he'll find out soon if they're justified. The Aztecs open the season at Brigham Young on September 13, and Gilbert isn't interested in a repeat of last year's WAC finale, when BYU nailed down an unbeaten season with a 63-14 pasting. "When we were good, we were generally very good," said Gilbert of the 8-3 campaign. "But when we got beat, we didn't fool around—we really got whipped."

Gilbert hopes to rectify that with consist-

tency—a good bet as 15 starters return, a new luxury for the Aztecs, who have traditionally relied on the JC talent pool. He expects a "return to form" of quarterback Mark Halda, second among WAC throwers last year after a super sophomore season when he completed 57 percent of his passes for 2,262 yards. Gilbert also imported Matt Kofler, a highly recruited JC passer who missed spring ball with a knee injury. Rick Hanson is a promising sophomore.

Though Tony Allen, the WAC's leading rusher with 1,094 yards, has graduated, tailback Vince Emanuel and fullback Steve Fogel give the Aztecs experience, and JC's Craig Ellis, Don Roberts, and Kerry Williams (6-0, 235) will play plenty.

The Aztecs also lost their best deep threat, Steve Stapler (37 for 794 yards), but a lot of raw talent is available in 9.4 sprinter Kipper Bell, top JC catch Clinton Sampson, Darius Durham, and Gary Snell. Starter Bobby Taylor (22-365) returns at flanker, and tight end holdover Pat Krzysik will have to hold off JC standout John Jessup.

The offensive line lost second-team All-America Pete Inge and Hula Bowl participant Kevin Fidel but may be even deeper than before. Center Jerry Person (260), guards Ulima Afoa (260) and Darryl Yarbrough (245), and tackles Jeff Watson (270), John Kmet (6-4, 255), and Jerry Stablein (6-6, 250) all have starting experience. Greg Foster (6-5, 260) is a talented JC product.

The word on the defensive front is "potential." Bob Epps is a returning starter, a senior who was a JC All-America—as was Jim Wilks (6-5, 245), who had to redshirt in 1978 and missed last season with a knee injury. End Kevin Richey led the team in sacks and tackles for losses and has three more years left, as does Brad Williams and Roger Bender. Then add JC all-star Mike Vance (6-4, 240).

There's no shortage of linebackers, either. Second-leading tackler Kevin Mitchell and big

Wyoming QB Phil Davis accounted for 2,316 yards in total offense.



Ron Spears (6-6, 230) start on the outside, and Scott Carter (6-5, 215), the leading tackler two years ago, and JC All-America Rick Reeder are pushing. Rick Carusa, who had knee problems at mid-season, will get inside help from JC's Rick Boyer and Bill Fairbrother.

All-WAC free safety Terrell Ward has graduated, leaving senior Leo Gradinger and JC transfer Ken Newman to battle for that spot opposite Johnnie Moore. When crosstown school U.S. International dropped football, the Aztecs picked up standout cornerback Vernon Dean, but he'll have to get past returning starters Reuben Henderson and Mike Fox.

COLORADO STATE As in 1978, the Rams lost their first three games of the 1979 season before upending rival Wyoming. They could use a better start, and playing three of the first four games at home should help.

The Rams certainly weren't passing fancy in 1979. In fact, they weren't passing much at all—only 87 yards a game, lowest average in the WAC. And even though all of coach Sark Arslanian's running backs return, CSU's attack should be more balanced with Steve Fairchild at the controls. Redshirted a year ago, when Keith Lee directed the team, Fairchild threw for more than 5,000 yards while earning JC All-American honors before coming to Fort Collins. Steve Driscoll, 3-0 in starts last year when Lee was hurt, is the back-up.

Arslanian couldn't be any more solid at running back. Alvin Lewis (635 yards) and Larry Jones (583) return. Tony Newberry added nearly 400 more, but missed spring drills after knee surgery. Among the new recruits is Troy Lindsay, brother of Utah star Tony Lindsay.

But Sark will have to find people to catch the ball and open the holes. None of the returning receivers caught more than seven passes last season. Jeff Raikes and Ray Gibson are the top returnees, and sophomore Lorenzo Zackery has the speed to be a deep threat. Bill Martineau will try to replace graduated tight end Rick Denison.

All-WAC tackle Tom Formica and two other

starters are missing from the offensive line, leaving center Greg Seiger (240) and guard Aaron Filch (6-4, 240). New starters look like Joe Porter (6-4, 260) and Ed Rhoades (248) at tackle and Ed Lawson at guard.

Gone from the defense is Mike Carew, an All-WAC performer, but Mike Call (6-5, 240) and Andy Poremba are returning starters, and Danny Pepock (6-5, 240) started until felled with a neck injury. Andre Augustine (245) could replace Carew.

A knee injury to last year's leading tackler and all-leaguer, Orby Chamblee, had Arslanian concerned, but the Rams are still deep at linebacker with outside starters Kurt Fisk and Kevin Sheesley, transfer Kirt Sittner (6-4, 225), and Earl Rezac.

Half of the starting secondary is gone, but Less Browne returns at cornerback and Don Jorgens is set at strong safety. JC imports Jacky Allen and Willie Searcy are challenging for starting spots, as is Mike Faucett, moved from running back. And keep an eye on freshman Larry Wilson, son of St. Louis Cardinal great of the same name.

Mickey Barilla, Arslanian's pick as the region's best kicker, hit 13-19 field goals a year ago, and punter Tom Templar averaged 42.1 yards.

WYOMING A miserable crowd of 5,618 witnessed the Cowboys' final home game of a discouraging 4-8 season, which turned out to be coach Bill Lewis's bon voyage party. The Wyoming administration, sensing the nose dive in fan interest, booted Lewis into the alumni office, but he later defected to be an assistant coach at Georgia.

Enter Pat Dye, once an aide to Bear Bryant at Alabama and more recently 48-18-1 in six years at East Carolina. Among the new trappings of a new staff is the return to the Wishbone offense, which, under Fred Akers back in 1976, made the Pokes a winner for the only time in the past decade.

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for 'em to," Dye said during spring drills.

Dye does have a capable option quarterback in Phil Davis, second only to BYU's Wilson in total offense last year with 2,316 yards. But Craig Johnson, who was ready to play in the secondary, had a fine spring, too—and Dye won't be moving him anywhere.

J.C. Fowler is the most important cog in the backfield, and Dye will need more consistency there from Tony Caldwell and Jeff Brown. All-WAC flanker Danny Pittman is gone, so any passes will probably go to Steve Martinez (25 catches).

Guard Mike Shaft (230), All-WAC a year ago, is the leader of the offensive line and junior tackle Gary Crum (6-5, 266) is the giant, with Joe DiGiorgio, Mitch Kunce, center Greg Taylor (242), and John Orkish all likely to pull plenty of playing time. Dye, aching to see some competition for positions, was getting his wish at tight end, where James Williams appeared to have the jump on Chris Kolodziejki (6-4, 225) and Mike Maley.

Wyoming's now departed defensive tackle combination of Pat Ogrin and Don Jessie was much heralded before last season, but it was nose guard Chuck Bradford (235) who earned All-WAC honors. Charlie Pattison (6-5, 255) and Jim Horne (6-2, 245) will flank him, with Guy Frazier and Rob Yelland at end. Sophomores Charlie Gaines (6-2, 218) and K.C. Cushing appear to have the edge on the linebacker spots.

The Pokes lost heavily in the secondary—six of their top eight players. Lee Mitchell and John Salley are the returnees, and JC transfers Bruce Small and Mike Davis (the quarterback's brother) must step in immediately.

NEW MEXICO A charter member of the hastily formed Phony Credit Scandal League of a year ago, the Lobos had to forfeit all six of their wins when it was discovered tight end Chris Combs received credit for a course at Ottawa, Kansas, Community College that he never attended. Two other players were also found to have improper credits.

But even before that mess, coach Bill Mondt was fired after six seasons and replaced with Joe Morrison, the former do-everything New York Giant star and more recently the builder of a fine Tennessee-Chattanooga program.

He'll have to do everything at New Mexico—15 starters must be replaced. And then there's the schedule. The Lobos open up against BYU, Missouri, and Texas Tech.

The good news? Well, Morrison has three good quarterback candidates. Senior Brad Wright, the WAC's total-offense leader in 1978, started four games a year ago before tearing knee ligaments. Sophomore David Osborn played when Wright went down, and new in camp is Robbin Gabriel, son of former NFL star Roman Gabriel, a 6-5 210-pound transfer from College of the Desert.

Three of the top four rushers return, including All-WAC tailback Jimmy Sayers, the leading rusher (696 yards) and receiver (19 catches) last season. Holdovers Jamie Fox (534), Mark Williams (335), and James Brooks should help. Sophomore wide receiver Derwin

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James Copeland led Texas-El Paso in rushing with 638 yards.

Williams had the best per-catch average last year (22.7) and he will be joined by Ricky Martin (6-2, 208), Jerry Apodaca, and Keith McGee.

The line? "I'd just as soon not get into that," mutters Morrison, who does have a monster at tackle in 6-7, 300-pound Frank Giddens. Don Elliott (6-3, 230) and Dennis Spencer (6-3, 235) also started at tackle last year, and Paul Zamprelli (235) and Chuck Esquivel (235) should see some action. To replace Combs, there's John Lane and Mike Biren.

Though only three starters return on defense, Morrison pronounced the secondary and linebacking "pretty good"—but again wasn't very talkative about the front wall. Five JC transfers should help some, though none are especially large. Chris Palmer (225) and David Evans (220) are the biggest of the lot joining lettermen Don Wilson (245), Mark Venable (240), and Doug Miksch (254).

The lone linebacker back is weakside man Bob Shupryt, who will be joined by JC import Don Weisman. All-WAC defensive back Sharay Fields, the league's interception leader with ten, heads up a fairly solid secondary, along with returning starter Huey Chancellor, Doug Smith, and Reggie Waits.

TEXAS-EL PASO Bill Michael's 4-30 record in three years at the UTEP helm doesn't look very good on a resume, though his Miners did double their win total last year. Still, they were 0-7 in the WAC—14 points being the smallest margin of defeat—and Michael doesn't sound too encouraged about the upcoming season. "Everyone in the league has an experienced quarterback coming back," he noted. "Everyone but us, that is."

What Michael does have is a three-way battle for the position, with JC transfer Paul Sieczkowski having it out with sophomores Keith Castle and Gerry Dickens.

Competence at quarterback could help the Miners, the WAC's worst offensive team by a large margin. They generated just 99 yards a game through the air and 110 on the ground. Leading rusher James Copeland (638 yards) returns—but he was the only back to gain more

than 150. Homer Thompson and Virgil Glasglow are the other returnees.

Bubba Garcia, an All-WAC receiver in 1978, has used up his eligibility, but leading receiver David Logston is back, along with starter Frank Jarzomek. There are a lot of tight end candidates—from returning starter Paul Heesaker (6-4, 220) to JC transfer Leon McClelland (6-4, 205).

Senior Roy Garisch (6-5, 255) anchors the offensive line, which also includes Jarett Patton (6-4, 235), Marshall Gordon (230), and center Scott Kubitz (6-4, 225). Greg Benefield (6-5, 260) is an imposing JC import.

Losing three starters in the secondary won't help Michael sleep at night, though Darnell Grant, who led the team in interceptions, is back at cornerback. Woody Woodruff will probably be in the other corner, with Tyrone Morgan and Jack Bennett at the safeties.

Linebacker Larry Moore led the team in defensive statistics last season and is the old man of a corps that includes Carl Klann and Rusty Merriweather.

Melvin Besses, though just 205 pounds, is an All-WAC selection, while Terrence Prevost starts at the other defensive end. In the middle are huge Odell Pippins (6-2, 275) and Don Rawls, both seniors.

AIR FORCE The junior Birdmen make their WAC debut—the first time a U.S. service academy has played in a conference—but they'll need a little extra moral support from Bedcheck Charlie to make a dent the first time around.

Only four WAC teams are on this year's schedule, so to qualify for the league title race, the Falcons will count three intersectional games in the league standings—against, gulp, Washington, Tulane and Boston College. "This may be the most difficult schedule we've ever had," admits coach Ken Hatfield, whose team also meets Notre Dame, Army, and Navy. "But we're really anxious to join the WAC race. It's

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good to get the bulk of our schedule out here in the West, and anything you can do to motivate players—the chances at championship honors or a bowl game—is a big plus."

Hatfield's flyboys lost their first eight games last season before wins over Army and Vanderbilt, and the second-year coach welcomes 13 starters back. His biggest concern is the heart of his offense—gone are two-year starter Jim Tubbs at center and four-year starting quarterback Dave Ziebart, the academy's all-time total offense leader. And Hatfield has done a lot of switching to find the right personnel.

Scott Schafer, last year's regular tight end, came to Air Force as a quarterback and returns to that spot to battle Don Kasperski and Ed Antoine, neither of whom played much. The other tight end, Richard Smith, has been shifted to center, and Hatfield expects him to be a mainstay for his remaining three seasons. So who's at tight end? Would you believe starting guard Fred Cianciolo (6-3, 218)?

Either Ned Rudd or Bruce Brown (232), who shared the other guard spot, will shift to strong guard, and Al Wiley is a returnee at tackle. Sam Howell and Dick Haddad are the leading contenders to replace tackle Pat Meagher.

The entire starting backfield has graduated, leaving sophomores Don Smith and Ron Merrix as the top two contenders at running back.

Starting defensive ends Chris Reymann and Jim Dahlmann still have two seasons left, but some new faces—Tom Schluckebier (232), Konda Sullivan, and Dave Schreck—will man the tackle spots.

Second-leading tackler Mike France and Mike Bloomfield return to start at linebacker, and all of the secondary is back, though the top performer, John Jackson, injured a knee and required surgery last spring. He's due back to join Dave Carraway, Doug Dunbar, and Bob Renaud.

Schafer, who has averaged better than 41 yards a punt the past two seasons, is back to handle those chores, but place-kicker Jim Sturch will have to be replaced.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Still marking time in the WAC's waiting room, coach Tony Knap was hoping for approval from the presidents' council in May to clear the way for the Rebels to play for the league crown in 1980.

Independent or not, if this year's Rebels are anything like last year's they'll be very exciting, indeed. Six times they came from behind in the final quarter for wins—from deficits of 17, 19, and 20 points. Against Utah, Todd Peterson booted a 49-yard field goal to win on the game's final play to pull out another win. Two ties wrapped up a 9-1-2 season.

"They wore me out, I'll tell you," sighed Knap, whose already silver hair probably got another coat. "They were just stubborn. They weren't killers at all, but they sure could play with their backs against the wall."

Knap expects the team to be just as good this year, though quarterback Sam King is a question mark. The 6-3, 195-pounder—ranked eighth in the nation in passing efficiency—ripped tendons and shattered the bone in the thumb of his throwing hand in the spring game. But he was only half of an even-steven duo. Larry Gentry had nearly 1,300 yards in total offense

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and Knap says he would prefer to alternate the pair again.

Surgery to remove calcium from his thigh kept top receiver Sam Green (40 catches, 821 yards) out of spring ball, but Robert Cobb (26 catches) and Darral Hambrick (6-3, 208) are capable, too. Junior running back Michael Morton is just 5-7, 171, but he gained 881 yards last year. Raymond Course and Lloyd Henderson will do battle for the fullback spot.

Knap will have to rebuild his offensive line—tackle Art Plunkett (6-8, 257) is the only starter back. Look for Sean Sloan to start at center, with Jeff Stewart (6-6, 250) and Dave Jones at guard and Marshall Patton (6-4, 250) at the other tackle. Lance Cooper is the returning tight end starter.

And there's more rebuilding across the line. Julius Funches (245) is the only starter back, but JC imports like Larry Taylor, Bob Barrera, Tuaoa Falo, Bruce Sears, and Anthony Murphy should help.

Mike Johnson, Joe Maher, Bubba Mattinson, and George Sherwood have plenty of experience at linebacker, and JC catches Tim Austin, Mike Waker, and Ken Hougabrook will press for playing time.

In the secondary, Peterson has shifted from the corner to safety and joins veterans Bob Lowry, Richard Jackson, Allan Tomlinson, Bryan Human, and Charles Jarvis.

Peterson and Keith Reardon handled placement duties last year, but Knap needs a punter. "We have one," smiled Tony, "and he may be the richest kid in school if he wins his lawsuit." That would be Kevin Rutledge of Frank Kush litigation fame, but a groin injury kept him out of spring ball.

BIG SKY

BOISE STATE Talk out West was that Boise State was Division I-AA's finest football team last fall...but the Broncos couldn't prove it. After a two-point loss to Long Beach State to open the season, coach Jim Criner's team never lost again. But Criner's spying misdeeds of the year before cost the Broncos the league title and a berth in the I-AA playoffs.

Now the Broncos have served their time, and it

will be absolutely no surprise if they rule the conference again—not when Criner has 17 of his starters back. "They're all by themselves," is how one coaching rival put it.

The same might be said for Joe Aliotti, clearly I-AA's best all-around quarterback. Throwing for 1,870 yards and rushing for 440 more, Aliotti completed a whopping 66 percent of his passes. Rewards for his work: first team AP Little All-America and Big Sky offensive MVP.

And it's not as if Aliotti is the whole show. Tailback Cedric Minter's 1,012 yards pushed his league career rushing record to 3,415. Fullback David Hughes (6-1, 220) rushed for 575 yards and was on the other end of 30 passes. Pity, then, poor Terry Zahner, the backfield's odd man out. All-league in 1977 when he and Minter were freshmen, Zahner's had to ride the bench, escaping long enough last year to gain 538 yards.

And the beat goes on. Kipp Bedard, the leading receiver with 35 catches for 477 yards, returns; and Scott Newmann will fill the starting shoes at flanker. Duane Dlouhy (6-5, 230) was honorable mention all-league at tight end.

JC imports Bill Madinger (255), Jim Valaile (250), Dan Miller (255), and Jeff Greenough are the best bets to fill the holes on the right side of the line opposite returning starters Randy Schrader (240), Dennis Brady, and Shawn Beaton, an All-Big Sky tackle.

The big loss on defense is All-America tackle Doug Scott, but Steve Sasnowski (6-6, 260) is an imposing replacement, providing he beats out Jeff Taylor (240), who started in 1978. Randy Trautman led the team in tackles for loss at the other tackle spot. JC transfers Steve Wedekind (6-5, 260) and Pete Tomas (235) lead the nose guard candidates.

All the linebackers return, plus an extra—Dan Williams and Ray Santucci on the inside and All-Big Sky Ralph Esposito and Larry Lewis outside. Ron Chatterton stepped in when Lewis was injured and must be reckoned with.

Strong safety Rick Woods was all-league and

Ed Judie (#85) is outstanding linebacker for North Arizona.



Chris Bell is back at one corner spot, while Mike Bradeson and Larry Adler have the inside track on the two vacant positions.

Kenrick Camerud, who sprints for the track team in the spring, drilled 41 of 43 PAT's and 8 of 13 field goals last year. Tom Spadafore (38.1) is the punter.

MONTANA STATE Nearly everybody wrote off Sonny Lubick's Bobcats after they lost to Boise 14-0, their third loss in four outings last year. But someone forgot to explain matters to MSU.

Suddenly, the quarterback problems were solved by, of all people, a freshman. And as Barry Sullivan went, so went the Bobcats. They committed just 13 turnovers all season, shocked Nevada-Reno and Northern Arizona on the road, and captured the Big Sky crown after being expected to sit this one out.

Receivers Jeff Muri and Mark McGrath and standout defensive backs Stu Dodds and Mike McLeod are the major losses, and the secondary is Lubick's biggest worry. Paul Dilley and Bret Chapman are solid cornermen, and Tim Sturdevant started at strong safety, but will be pushed by Brian Mathews. Holdover Jim Anderson has the first shot at Dodds' free safety spot.

Jack Muhlbeier (6-2, 220) is the league's most underrated linebacker, and partner Dave Semmelbeck is solid. Toby Alt and Kevin Donovan are also returning starters at the outside posts. Ron Ranieri and Tim McVicker give MSU the top one-two nose guard combination and Lubick hopes Phil Bruneau and Jim Missel both start.

Sullivan's presence for three more years makes things look glum for any other QB candidates, but sophomore Mike Godfrey and Wyoming transfer Dennis Stauch are fine throwers and could see some time.

Another of MSU's unsung heroes is fullback Jeff Davis, and though the Cats don't often use incoming freshmen, Mike Shill, a 63-foot prep shot-putter, will be the number two man. Tailback is extra deep: Steve Roderick, Tony Bodie, and Si Timberman all toted the ball last year. Theal allowed Lubick to try Britt Freeman, a budding tailback star who left school for a year before returning, at wide receiver, along with Billy Walker and McLeod's brother Pat. Tom Fox will be among the league's best tight ends.

MSU is hurting in the kicking game. Dodds (45.6) was I-AA's leading punter; Muri scored 214 points in his career; McGrath was one of the nation's top return specialists. Terry Alberta may handle all the kicking chores.

NEVADA-RENO Both sides won the argument over the Wolfpack's first season as a league member. Skeptics said Big Sky teams wouldn't be as accommodating as the have-nots on Reno's schedule as an independent. They were right. And the boosters insisted the Pack would challenge for the title. They were right, too.

Chris Ault's squad finished 8-4, second behind MSU, but got to go to the I-AA playoffs when the Bobcats blew a regular season finale to North Dakota State. This year, however, the Pack must get past Boise as well.

They've got a potent weapon in All-America fullback Frank Hawkins, who boosted his career yardage to 3,614 with a 1,683-yard

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season, tops in the nation. Back alongside him is junior tailback John Vicari, who rushed for 746 yards and caught 23 passes.

Gone, however, is quarterback Larry Wormann, split end Jeff Wright, and tackle David Hann—All-Americans all at one time in their college careers and holders of a bushel of school records. Kicker Fernando Serrano will be missed, too.

The offense will be handled by either Kevin Wheeler or David Heppe, who threw 37 passes between them last year. Wingback Jeff Jones (24 catches, 361 yards) returns, and Wormann's brother Steve is at split end with Kevin Fontes.

Tight end Charles Edwards did not return, so JC recruit Al King (6-3, 230) will battle Jim Mason and Bubba Melcher. And Ault brought five other JC linemen, including 6-4, 280-pound Walt Frazier. They'll test holdovers Tom McCarthy (230), Todd Wilcks (255), and Eric Sanders (6-6, 245), among others.

All-Big Sky tackle Don Smerek leaves the only hole in the defensive wall, and three more JC imports have arrived there to join Bubba Puha (250) and Bill Gravert (6-6, 230). Likewise, All-America Lee Hobbs was the only secondary loss, leaving cornerbacks Kelly Hardiman and Fred Cooper and safeties Conrad Clark and Ollie Simpson as the best bets.

Linebacking, however, was decimated. Steve Knapp, Mike West, and Mike Campbell are the top returnees, and jucos Garry Terrell, Sam Little, and John Romatici should help.

NORTHERN ARIZONA The Lumberjacks won their first five games for new coach Dwain Painter last year, then averaged just seven points a game the rest of the way and finished 7-4.

Defense wasn't a problem, at least not until Boise and Reno ganged up on the Axers for 75 points at season's end. NAU led the league in total defense and against the rush, and returns nine starters there, including All-America linebacker Ed Judie (6-3, 235), named defensive player of the game in the nationally televised Reno game.

One other promising linebacker, all-leaguer

John Schachtner (6-4, 238), apparently will red-shirt after being shot by a member of a motorcycle gang at a post-game party. Mike Dohm (6-4, 235) had been shifted from tackle to outside linebacker, while Gregg Gerken (6-5, 238) and Robert Hardy have also started.

Anchoring the front wall is Dan Anders (6-5, 249), with Russ Owens (235) and JC transfer Willie Sellers (260) the other top candidates. The secondary is back intact, led by All-Big Sky free safety Chuck Willig, who'll team with Hayward Montgomery and cornermen Tommie Wright and John Enslow.

Three starters are gone from the offensive line, but redshirt tackle Jeff Canterbury (259) returns to anchor the right side. Don Mower (6-6, 256), Fred Smith (6-5, 263), and center Frank Collins have starting experience, as does Ron Mitchell (6-3, 217), who could be a top tight end.

The Jacks will have to replace leading receiver Ken Fraser, but the entire backfield returns, led by Willard Reeves, second in the Big Sky with 1,084 yards last year, and fullback Mike Jenkins (799). Flanker Pete Mandley is a solid target for senior quarterback Brian Potter, who must improve on his 42 percent completion rate.

IDAHO Just give us one more recruiting year, asks coach Jerry Davitch, who had the Big Sky's best teams on the ropes last season before finishing 4-7. "Four is the magic number," said Davitch, who actively pursued the vacant post at Arizona, his alma mater. "We've got three."

Still, the Vandals could inflict some headaches this year, even though 12 starters departed. Davitch patronized the JC marketplace to shore up the league's worst defense against the rush. Nose guard Paul Griffin (6-1, 235) is the prize addition, joining holdover tackles Dave Frahnen and Randy Rexroad and ends Jay Hayes and Larry Barker.

Linebacker Sam Merriman was second-team all-conference as a freshman, and Lloyd Williamson will start alongside him. Returning secondary starters Carlton McBride and Ray McCanna will be bolstered by JC recruits Greg Jennings and Brett Zike.

Rob Petrillo threw for 722 yards in a back-up role last year, but is locked into a fierce quarterback race with Ken Hobart, a sophomore who started his college career as a baseball player at Lewis-Clark. Their leading targets will be two-year starter Jack Klein (32 catches, 533 yards) and tight end Tom Coombs (6-3, 230), a redshirt transfer and the brother of departed All-Big Sky center Larry Coombs.

Leading rusher Glen White (889 yards) is gone, leaving lettermen Wally Jones and Russell Davis, plus JC transfer Len Altavilla. And look out for comeback Terry Idler, the league's top freshman two years ago who sat out after knee surgery last year.

Three starters must be replaced in the interior, but John Girnt (6-3, 247) and Dave Monico are back. Bruce Fery (6-4, 245) and Pat Hills will probably fill two holes, and sophomore Steve Seman could be a dandy at tackle.

Kicker Pete O'Brien is accuracy personified—he's missed just two PAT's in his college career and was eight for nine on field goals last

Willard Reeves, All-Big Sky
RB, amassed 1,084 yards in '79.

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WEBER STATE Pete Riehlman's young club tied for third last year, despite turning the ball over 48 times and averaging just 83 yards a game rushing. But it was recruiting season that really made him feel like he'd turned the corner.

"We signed a cornerback out of Salt Lake named Phil Swan, and he's the first blue-chip athlete we've gotten from in state," said Riehlman. "Plus we haven't been able to get real size in our freshmen until now and this year we got eight guys 225 or better."

But Riehlman shouldn't need the freshmen right away. Seventeen starters return—including guard Tim Small, only the second player in league history to be All-Big Sky as a freshman. Tom Brothers, Lawrence Livingston (240), John Mitchell (6-5, 255), and Vince Guinta have starting experience, as do tight ends Dave Sebahar and Scott Zellmer.

Bill Kelly (6-4, 225) threw for 1,178 yards after missing spring ball a year ago, and Riehlman is confident he can hook up more often with receivers Kurt Miller (33 catches), Scott Roth, and JC transfer Eric Allen. Willie Glasper returns at fullback, and either Mark Fiehler or Kelvin Matthews should replace departed three-year starter Eric Hill.

JC help should bolster the defense, which already returns the secondary intact. Mark Massey was All-Big Sky at free safety and Bill Singleton, Dennis McMaster, and Elbert Gray are back as well. Mike Humiston (6-2½, 220) and Danny Rich were starters at outside linebacker, and Mark Fullington has been moved over from offense to man the middle with Mike Nichter.

Two year starter Curtis McGhan (6-4, 220) will be joined on the line by juco catches Mark Cirksena (6-4, 242), Mike Morley (235), and Hugh Homsher (225).

MONTANA Slogans have never done too well in the Big Sky, but new coach Larry Donovan has dubbed the Grizzlies "the team of the 80's" anyway. That's eighties, plural. There appear to be just too many question marks for 1980, singular.

The top priority has to be defense. Montana had the league's worst a year ago, but has some strong returnees up the middle, led by all-leaguer Kent Clausen (6-5, 235) and linebacking mate Dave Gleason, back after sitting out a year.

Pat Curry (6-5, 240), Arnie Rigoni, and Brett Barrick (6-3, 247) are solid up front, but Donovan is "scared to death" about the end spots, where Jim Hogan is the only experienced hand. The secondary must be rebuilt around strong safety Jay Becker, and JC import Dennis Bowman (6-3, 200) will help.

The Grizzlies are strongest in the offensive trenches, where tackles Pat Norwood (232) and Brian McHugh and guards Carlton Lamb (238) and Basil Jones all have started the past two seasons. Tom Perez will replace departed Guy Bingham at center.

The running backs, too, are deep with 6-2, 215-pound tailback Rocky Klever (679 yards), one of the league's best. Bob Cerkovnik is a speedy back-up, and versatile Jack Schuster



Montana LB Kent Clausen makes stop.

could be moved to fullback if Wayne Harper and JC recruit Mike Hagen don't work out.

But the Grizzlies are thin and inexperienced at quarterback and receiver. Senior Bart Andrus threw just 16 passes in relief of graduated Bob Boyes and has nothing but youth behind him. Bill Lane caught 15 passes at split end last year, but Donovan is searching for a speedy flanker and a tight end, where juco Mike Alex and John Hinson are the leading candidates.

IDAHO STATE What can you say when you go 0-11? "Goodbye" is what the Bengals said to coach Bud Hake, who made way for BYU assistant Dave Kragthorpe.

Naturally, help was needed in a hurry, and Kragthorpe hopes ten JC recruits and five refugees from U.S. International's abandoned program provide just that. The best catch may be quarterback Mike Machurek (6-2, 208), who threw for 23 TD's at San Diego City College and may be the savior for the wide-open game Kragthorpe hopes to install.

Jucos Charles Ewing and Chris Corp are promising wide receivers, and the Bengals will try to generate a running game behind Devon Higginbotham, USIU transfer Lamar Fite, and JC back Rick Ambrosi. The offensive line includes holdovers Dave Kinnunen and Pete Ketchum, Mississippi transfer Jim Lane, and Rod Childs, a JC product who will start at tight end.

USIU players will shore up the defense—John Naut (225) and Keith Porter teaming with Dave Bertles up front and Aaron Graham and William Harrison joining second-team All-Big Sky picks Bob Matsey and Terry Wilson in the secondary. Linebacking will be handled by veterans Marvin Lewis, Dave Walser, George Feightner, and Kevin Ryan.

Case de Brujin is one of the region's best all-purpose kickers, having finished second to MSU's Stu Dodds in I-AA punting with a 44.6 average.

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FINAL DIVISION 1-A TEAM LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD	PG	Yds/
1. Brigham Young	11	832	5735	6.9	59	521.4	
2. East Carolina	11	846	5228	6.2	51	475.3	
3. Nev.-Las Vegas	12	957	5664	5.9	51	472.0	
4. Southern Cal	11	826	5136	6.2	48	466.9	
5. Nebraska	11	899	5113	5.7	46	464.8	
6. Temple	11	770	4815	6.3	49	437.7	
7. San Jose St.	11	836	4795	5.7	42	435.9	
8. Utah State	11	825	4727	5.7	45	429.7	
9. Alabama	11	875	4715	5.4	44	428.6	
10. Oklahoma	11	741	4712	6.4	50	428.4	
11. Central Mich	11	900	4650	5.2	39	422.7	
12. Tenn.-Chattanooga	11	765	4539	5.9	45	412.6	
13. Ohio State	11	810	4492	5.5	43	408.4	
14. Syracuse	11	835	4487	5.4	34	407.9	
15. Appalachian St.	11	825	4451	5.4	34	404.6	
16. Michigan	11	809	4441	5.5	40	403.7	

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD	PG	Yds/
1. East Carolina	11	692	4053	5.9	47	368.5	
2. Oklahoma	11	652	3868	5.9	46	351.6	
3. Nebraska	11	715	3796	5.3	35	345.1	
4. Alabama	11	763	3792	5.0	38	344.7	
5. Texas-Arlington	11	650	3315	5.1	33	301.4	
6. Auburn	11	579	3279	5.7	31	298.1	
7. Houston	11	653	3257	5.0	29	295.1	
8. Central Mich	11	741	3183	4.3	29	289.4	
9. Syracuse	11	656	3071	4.7	26	279.2	
10. Southern Cal	11	569	3043	5.3	30	276.6	
11. Tenn.-Chattanooga	11	586	2926	5.0	30	266.0	
12. Miss. State	11	593	2907	4.9	15	264.3	
13. Ohio State	11	609	2884	4.7	28	262.2	
14. South Carolina	11	645	2844	4.4	24	258.5	
15. Hawaii	11	590	2829	4.8	29	257.2	
16. West Texas St.	11	624	2782	4.5	23	252.9	

Syracuse was the East's top rushing team in 1979 with 3,071 yards, of which Joe Morris (#47) had 1,372.

PASSING OFFENSE

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	PG
1. Brigham Young	11	464	276	16	59.5	4051	33	368.3
2. San Jose St.	11	421	245	15	58.2	3135	22	285.0
3. California	11	370	245	14	66.2	2974	15	270.4
4. Utah State	11	352	197	12	56.0	2949	22	268.1
5. Tennessee St.	11	382	196	20	51.3	2741	27	249.2
6. Lamar	11	404	237	18	58.7	2729	24	248.1
7. Stanford	11	316	198	9	62.7	2466	25	224.0
8. Tulane	11	387	226	15	58.4	2464	24	224.0
9. Wake Forest	11	375	200	17	53.3	2449	16	222.6
10. Western Caro.	11	320	158	22	49.4	2448	17	222.5
11. Nev.-Las Vegas	12	325	164	15	50.5	2658	25	221.5
12. San Diego St.	11	338	174	25	51.5	2426	13	220.5
13. Pittsburgh	11	328	192	17	58.5	2403	14	218.5
14. Appalachian St.	11	308	159	17	51.6	2393	16	217.5
15. Minnesota	11	317	185	12	58.4	2309	13	209.9
16. East Tennessee	11	309	188	14	60.8	2290	17	208.2
17. Temple	11	229	126	12	55.0	2223	23	202.1
18. Florida St.	11	340	174	17	51.2	2214	18	201.3

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	PTS	Avg
1. Brigham Young	11	447	40.6
2. Oklahoma	11	382	34.7
3. East Carolina	11	380	34.5
4. Ohio State	11	374	34.0
5. Southern Cal.	11	372	33.8
6. Temple	11	371	33.7
7. Nebraska	11	366	33.3
8. Alabama	11	359	32.6
9. Tenn.-Chattanooga	11	349	31.7
10. Utah State	11	347	31.5
11. Texas-Arlington	11	342	31.1
12. Nev.-Las Vegas	12	370	30.8
13. Auburn	11	330	30.0
14. Hawaii	11	330	30.0
15. San Jose St.	11	327	29.7
16. Tennessee St.	11	321	29.2
17. Florida St.	11	319	29.0
18. Tulane	11	314	28.5

TOTAL DEFENSE

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	G	Plays	Yds	Avg	TD*	PG
1. Yale	9	540	1579	2.9	10	175.4
2. Alabama	11	611	1981	3.2	7	180.1
3. Texas	12	659	2027	3.1	8	184.3
4. Pittsburgh	11	732	2315	3.2	11	210.5
5. Nebraska	11	665	2383	3.6	12	216.6
6. Western Mich	11	651	2398	3.7	12	218.0
7. Clemson	11	696	2612	3.8	8	237.5
8. Maryland	11	748	2531	3.5	15	239.2
9. Central Mich	11	689	2646	3.8	7	240.5
10. Florida St.	11	715	2669	3.7	18	242.6
11. Houston	11	689	2786	4.0	12	253.3
12. Michigan	11	725	2787	3.8	14	253.4
13. Tennessee St.	11	709	2847	4.0	16	258.8
14. Texas-Arlington	11	768	2853	3.7	18	259.4
15. McNeese St.	11	714	2854	4.0	14	259.5
16. Rutgers	11	727	2876	4.0	22	261.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only.

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	PG
1. Yale	9	363	675	1.9	5	75.0
2. Nebraska	11	418	1024	2.4	6	93.1
3. Western Mich	11	435	1091	2.5	7	99.2
4. Michigan	11	443	1092	2.5	8	99.3
5. Alabama	11	393	1121	2.9	2	101.9
6. Texas	11	468	1163	2.5	3	105.7
7. Pittsburgh	11	498	1172	2.4	8	106.5
8. Texas-Arlington	11	471	1213	2.6	10	110.3
9. Central Mich	11	446	1224	2.7	11	111.3
10. Clemson	11	450	1292	2.9	5	117.5
11. Brown	9	375	1062	2.8	6	118.0
12. Purdu	11	441	1303	3.0	18	118.5
13. Florida St.	11	448	1304	2.9	13	118.5
14. Colgate	10	448	1227	2.7	14	122.7
15. Navy	11	484	1353	2.8	7	123.0
16. Southern Cal.	11	437	1397	3.2	10	127.0

PASS DEFENSE

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	PG
1. Western Caro.	11	163	74	8	45.4	852	5	77.5
2. Alabama	11	218	78	25	35.8	860	5	78.2
3. Texas	11	191	75	15	39.3	864	5	78.5
4. Virginia	11	191	84	16	44.0	974	6	88.5
5. Maryland	11	215	92	16	42.8	974	6	88.5
6. NE Louisiana	11	188	90	18	47.9	1014	5	92.2
7. East Tennessee	11	191	89	10	46.6	1046	7	95.1
8. Ohio U.	11	185	76	17	41.1	1055	10	95.9
9. Colorado	11	188	76	10	40.4	1071	8	97.4
10. Houston	11	180	84	19	46.7	1089	3	99.0
11. Yale	9	177	71	17	40.1	904	5	100.4
12. SW Louisiana	11	217	106	15	48.8	1110	4	100.9
13. N.C. State	11	210	93	12	44.3	1114	6	101.3
14. Tulsa	11	178	87	7	48.9	1117	6	101.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	PTS	Avg
1. Alabama	11	58	5.3
2. Texas	11	90	8.2
3. Clemson	11	92	8.4
4. Dartmouth	9	86	9.6
5. Pittsburgh	11	108	9.8
6. Arkansas	11	108	9.8
7. McNeese St.	11	108	9.9
8. Ohio State	11	109	9.9
9. Nebraska	11	114	10.4
10. Yale	9	94	10.4
11. Houston	11	121	11.0
12. Brigham Young	11	125	11.4
13. Western Mich.	11	127	11.5
14. Central Mich.	11	133	12.1

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	YD/	YD/	G	Plays	YDS	PL	TDR*	PG
1. Marc Wilson, Brigham Young	11	488	3580	7.3	32	325.5		
2. Ed Luther, San Jose St.	11	459	2997	6.5	23	272.5		
3. Steve Brown, Appalachian St.	11	416	2557	6.1	17	232.5		
4. Jay Venuto, Wake Forest	11	443	2463	5.6	17	223.9		
5. Roch Hontas, Tulane	11	458	2440	5.3	22	221.8		
6. Rich Campbell, California	11	391	2423	6.2	16	220.3		
7. Larry Haynes, Lamar	11	449	2416	5.4	25	219.6		
8. Brian Broome, Temple	11	280	2352	8.4	26	213.8		
9. Joe Adams, Tennessee St.	11	382	2238	5.9	26	203.5		
10. Eric Hippie, Utah State	10	312	1990	6.4	15	199.0		
11. Mark Malone, Arizona St.	12	421	2357	5.6	22	196.4		
12. Mark Hutsell, East Tennessee	11	405	2160	5.3	19	196.4		
13. Mark Carlson, Minnesota	11	371	2149	5.8	12	195.4		
14. Phil Davis, Wyoming	12	482	2316	4.8	18	193.0		
15. Mike Kelley, Georgia Tech	11	399	2107	5.3	11	191.5		
16. Bill Hurley, Syracuse	11	361	2089	5.8	18	189.9		
17. Larry Carbone, Brown	8	260	1495	5.8	10	186.9		
18. Scott Davis, Eastern Mich.	10	313	1864	6.0	7	186.4		
19. Mike Pusey, Western Carol.	11	314	2045	6.5	16	185.9		
20. John Fournier, Mississippi	11	324	2014	6.2	13	183.1		
21. Jimmy Streeter, Tennessee	9	243	1633	6.7	16	181.4		
22. Charles White, Southern Cal	10	294	1803	6.1	18	180.3		
23. Tim Clifford, Indiana	11	320	1978	6.2	18	179.8		
24. Turk Schonert, Stanford	11	294	1968	6.7	21	178.9		
25. Art Schlichter, Ohio State	11	303	1955	6.5	22	177.7		
26. Steve Grant, Washington St.	11	369	1941	5.3	15	176.5		
27. Paul McDonald, Southern Cal	11	273	1928	7.1	17	175.3		
28. Rusty Lisch, Notre Dame	10	266	1745	6.6	6	174.5		
29. Reggie Allen, Indiana St.	11	324	1896	5.9	16	172.4		
30. Sander Markel, Pacific	10	445	1706	3.8	113	170.6		

*Touchdowns responsible for are TDs players scored and passed for.

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	Avg
1. Steve Nelson, Ball State	18	565	1	31.4
2. Derek Hughes, Michigan St.	16	497	2	31.1
3. James Brooks, Auburn	21	577	0	27.5
4. Cedric Jones, Duke	20	542	1	27.1
5. Homer Jones, Brigham Young	22	579	0	26.3
6. Jim Stone, Notre Dame	19	493	0	25.9
7. Danny Miller, Citadel	15	383	1	25.5
8. Dwight Robertson, Oregon	25	632	0	25.3
9. Jeff Washington, VMI	19	477	0	25.1
10. Anthony Allen, Washington	15	376	1	25.1
11. Tom Parry, Eastern Mich.	19	472	1	24.8
12. Kenny Easley, UCLA	14	347	0	24.8
13. Charles Fowler, Appalachian St.	16	388	0	24.2

INTERCEPTIONS

	G	NO	YDS	TD
1. Joe Callan, Ohio	9	9	110	0
2. Sharay Fields, New Mexico	12	10	67	0
3. Gene Coleman, Miami, Fla.	11	9	102	0
4. Francis Bonasorte, Florida St.	11	8	100	0
5. Bill Kay, Purdue	10	7	15	0
6. Tim Wilbur, Indiana	11	7	165	2
7. Ralph Lary, Maryland	11	7	102	0
8. Al McCloud, Tenn.-Chattanooga	11	7	68	1
9. Mike Brown, Columbia	9	5	73	0
10. Barry Pizor, Dartmouth	9	5	45	0
11. Darryl Hemphill, W. Tex. St.	9	5	35	0
12. Mike Kachmer, Brown	9	5	28	0
13. Chip Kelly, Yale	9	5	27	0
14. Dave Chandler, Princeton	9	5	18	0

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 returns per game)	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
1. Jeffrey Shockley, Tenn. St.	27	456	1	16.9
2. Basil Banks, Oklahoma	17	260	0	15.3
3. Raymond Butler, Southern Cal	21	303	1	14.4
4. Anthony Carter, Michigan	20	265	1	13.2
5. Mark Lee, Washington	21	271	3	12.9
6. Roland James, Tennessee	19	243	1	12.8
7. Ken Smith, Rutgers	14	177	0	12.6
8. Kenny Easley, UCLA	27	336	0	12.4
9. Mike Guess, Ohio State	22	273	0	12.4
10. Marcellus Greene, Arizona	15	183	1	12.2
11. Leroy Irvin, Kansas	27	321	2	11.9
12. David Newman, Missouri	17	199	0	11.7
13. Glenn Verrette, Holy Cross	17	188	0	11.1

RECEIVING

	G	NO	YDS	TD
1. Rick Beasley, Appalachian St.	11	74	1205	12
2. Steve Coury, Oregon St.	11	66	842	5
3. James Murphy, Utah State	11	63	1067	6
4. Gerald Harp, Western Carol.	10	57	1009	10
5. Howard Robinson, Lamar	11	59	842	12
6. Mike House, Pacific	10	52	548	2
7. Wayne Baumgardner, Wake Forest	11	55	1000	8
8. Preston Brown, Vanderbilt	11	52	786	3
9. Matt Bouza, California	11	52	717	4
10. Earl Cooper, Rice	10	47	463	2
11. Dave Young, Purdue	11	51	512	8
12. Rich Horner, Harvard	9	40	712	7
13. Ken Thompson, Utah State	11	48	918	11
14. Albert Kirby, Wake Forest	11	48	329	1
15. Alton Alexis, Tulane	11	47	557	5
16. Rodney Holman, Tulane	11	47	477	5
17. Mike Jones, Tennessee St.	11	46	786	8
18. Phil Johnson, Holy Cross	11	46	662	3
19. Homer Jones, Brigham Young	11	46	404	4
20. Ken Magerum, Stanford	10	41	733	10
21. Gerald Lucear, Temple	11	45	964	13
22. Andre Tyler, Stanford	11	45	652	5
23. Tony Carlu, Ohio	11	45	380	1
24. Jim Walsh, San Jose St.	11	45	296	0

PUNTING

(40 or More Punts)	NO	AVG
1. Clay Brown, Brigham Young	43	45.3
2. Mike Smith, Wyoming	70	44.6
3. Jim Miller, Mississippi	53	44.6
4. David Sims, Clemson	72	44.4
5. Ray Stachowicz, Michigan St.	62	44.3
6. Steve Cox, Arkansas	42	43.8
7. Casey Murphy, Temple	40	42.9
8. Greg Cates, Tenn.-Chattanooga	62	42.5
9. Mike Hubach, Kansas	69	42.5
10. Skip Johnston, Auburn	50	42.4
11. Ken Naber, Stanford	62	42.4
12. Dave Smigelsky, Virginia Tech	58	42.3
13. Steve Folkner, Texas-El Paso	84	42.2
14. Maury Buford, Texas Tech	70	42.1
15. Tom Templer, Colorado St.	85	42.1

RUSHING

	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	PG
1. Charles White, Southern Cal	10	293	1803	6.2	18	180.3
2. George Rogers, South Carolina	11	286	1548	5.4	8	140.7
3. Freeman McNeil, UCLA	10	271	1396	5.2	6	139.6
4. Billy Sims, Oklahoma	11	224	1506	6.7	22	136.9
5. Vagas Ferguson, Notre Dame	11	301	1437	4.8	17	130.6
6. Charlie Wysocki, Maryland	9	247	1140	4.6	8	126.7
7. Joe Morris, Syracuse	11	238	1372	5.8	7	124.7
8. James Hadnot, Texas Tech	11	273	1371	5.0	1	124.6
9. Dennis Mosley, Iowa	11	270	1267	4.7	12	115.2
10. Floyd Allen, VMI	11	265	1249	4.7	8	113.5
11. Rick Parros, Utah State	11	259	1236	4.8	15	112.4
12. Worley Taylor, Oklahoma St.	9	216	994	4.6	3	110.4
13. James Brooks, Auburn	11	163	1208	7.4	10	109.8
14. James McDougald, Wake Forest	11	260	1177	4.5	11	107.0
15. Ron Lear, Marshall	11	241	1162	4.8	6	105.6
16. Anthony Collins, East Carolina	11	154	1130	7.3	14	102.7
17. Joe Cribbs, Auburn	11	200	1120	5.6	14	101.8
18. Bill Fenn, Illinois St.	11	290	1106	3.8	8	100.5
19. Tony Allen, San Diego St.	11	226	1094	4.8	10	99.5
20. Gwain Durden, Tenn.-Chattanooga	9	114	885	7.8	7	98.3
21. Terrell Clark, Houston	11	193	1063	5.5	7	96.6
22. Garry White, Minnesota	9	135	861	6.4	6	95.7
23. Tom Vigorito, Virginia	11	184	1044	5.7	6	94.9
24. Curtis Dickey, Texas A&M	9	172	853	5.0	9	94.8
25. Arlie Shankle, McNeese St.	9	202	853	4.2	8	94.8
26. Jarvis Redwine, Nebraska	11	148	1042	7.0	8	94.7
27. Mark Bright, Temple	11	193	1036	5.4	7	94.2
28. Gary Allen, Hawaii	11	162	1032	6.4	7	93.8

PASSING

(MIN. 15 ATT. PER GAME)	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	ATT	TD	PCT	POINTS
1. Turk Schonert, Stanford	11	219	148	67.58	6	2.74	1922	18.78	19	8.68	164.5
2. Brian Broome, Temple	11	214	120	56.07	11	5.14	2103	9.83	22	10.28	162.3
3. Paul McDonald, Southern Cal	11	240	153	63.75	5	2.08	1989	8.29	17	7.08	152.6
4. Marc Wilson, Brigham Young	11	427	250	58.55	15	3.51	3720	8.71	29	6.79	147.1
5. Art Schlichter, Ohio State	11	179	94	52.51	5	2.79	1519	8.49	13	7.26	142.2
6. Eric Hippie, Utah State	10	238	144	60.50	6	2.52	1924	8.08	13	5.46	141.4
7. Rich Campbell, California	11	322	216	67.08	12	3.73	2618	8.13	13	4.04	141.2
8. Sam King, Nev.-Las Vegas	11	188	103	54.79	10	5.32	1594	8.48	12	6.38	136.4
9. Mark Hutsell, East Tennessee	11	302	186	61.59	14	4.64	2276	7.54	17	5.63	134.2
10. Daniel Marino, Pittsburgh	9	193	115	59.59	7	3.63	1508	7.81	9	4.66	133.4
11. Matt Kupen, No. Carolina	11	227	123	54.18	9	3.96	1587	6.99	18	7.93	131.1
12. Ed Luther, San Jose St.	11	415	241	58.07	14	3.37	3049	7.35	20	4.82	128.9
13. Tim Clifford, Indiana	11	259	149	57.53	9	3.47	1907	7.36	12	4.63	127.7
14. Joe Adams, Tennessee St.											



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* Home game, + Conference game, • Night game, F Favorite, U Underdog, T Tossup

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	
AIR FORCE ACADEMY Colorado	Colorado State 6:20 +U	Washington +U	San Diego St. ** +U	Illinois 19:27 U	Yale U	Navy 9:13 *U	Tulane * +U	Boston College * +U	Army 28:7	Wyoming F	Hawaii * +U	Noite Dame 13:38 U	Hawaii + •U	
AARON Ohio	NE Missouri * F	Eastern Kentucky * + •U	Western Kentucky * + •U	Indiana St. 27:28 *U	Youngstown 3:16 U	Eastern Michigan 24:12 *F	Temple 6:42 *U	Murray St. +U	Austin Peay 45:21 * +F	Northern Michigan 45:21 F	Middle Tennessee +F			
ALABAMA Tuscaloosa	Georgia Tech (Birmingham) •F	Mississippi (Jackson) +F	Vanderbilt 66:3 * +F	Kentucky (Birmingham) +F	Rutgers F	Tennessee 27:17 * +F	Southern Mississippi * F	Mississippi St. (Jackson) +F	Louisiana State 3:30 * +F	Louisiana State 3:30 * +F	Noite Dame (Birmingham) F	Auburn (Birmingham) 25:18 F		
APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, N.C.	James Madison •F	Citadel 23:24 * +U	Chattanooga 21:24 * +U	E. Tennessee 24:10 * +U	Marshall 45:7 +F	N.C. State •U	Lenoir Rhyne 17:31 * +U	Furman 17:31 * +U	Western Carolina 35:27 * +U	Al VMI 22:27 * +F	Wake Forest 23:30 U			
ARIZONA Tucson				Colorado St. 33:17 * +F	Iowa 7:10 * +U	USC 7:34 * +U	Washington State 22:7 * +F	UCLA +U	Washington 12:7 * +U	Washington 12:7 * +U	Pacific 42:18 * +F	Oregon St. 42:18 * +F	Arizona St. 27:24 * +F	
ARIZONA STATE Tempe	Houston * +U			Oregon St. 45:0 * + •F	Ohio State U	At USC +U	Washington State 22:7 * +F	Pacific * +F	Notre Dame 12:7 * +U	UCLA 28:31 * +U	Oregon * + •U	Arizona 24:27 * +U		
ARKANSAS Fayetteville	Texas (Sept. 1) 17:14 * +F		Oklahoma State (Little Rock) 27:7 *F	Tulsa 33:8 *F	Texas Christian 16:13 *F	Memphis St. U	SW Louisiana 9:13 * +F	SW Louisiana 9:13 * +U	Houston 10:13 * +U	Rice (Little Rock) 34:7 * +F	Texas AsM 22:10 * +F	Southern Methodist 31:7 * +F	Texas Tech (Little Rock) 20:6 +F	
ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro	Tennessee-Martin * •F		NE Louisiana 17:18 * +F	Kansas St. U			Southern Mississippi 6:14 * +F	Southern Mississippi 6:14 * +U	McNeese St. 7:10 * +U	Louisiana Tech 14:7 * +U	Arlington 18:56 * +U			
ARLINGTON Texas	North Texas 14:19 * +U	NW Louisiana 37:14 *F	At SMU •U	Drake U	West Texas State 10:6 * +F	West Texas State 10:6 * +F	Notre Dame Lehigh *U	New Mexico State 42:14 * +F	Louisiana Tech 30:16 * +F	SW Louisiana 13:14 * +F	Arkansas State 56:18 * +F	Lamar 47:37 * +U		
ARMY West Point, N.Y.	Holy Cross * F	California *U	Washington St. U	Harvard *F			Notre Dame U	Boston College 16:29 U	Rutgers 0:20 *U	Air Force 7:28 *U	Pittsburgh 0:40 U		Navy (Philadelphia) 7:31 U	
AUBURN Alabama	Texas Christian •F			Duke *F	Tennessee 17:35 * +F	Richmond *F	Louisiana State * +F	Georgia Tech 38:14 *F	Mississippi St. (Jackson) 14:3 * +F	Florida 19:13 * +F	Southern Mississippi 31:9 *F	Georgia 33:13 * +T	Alabama (Birmingham) 18:25 +U	
AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, Tenn.	Tenn Martin •F	James Madison 10:6 * +F	Western Kentucky 20:24 * +U	Western Kentucky 10:6 * +F	Morehead St. 10:7 * +U	Nicholls St. •F	Middle Tenn. 31:14 * +F	Akron * +U	Murray St. 10:24 * +U	Tenn. Tech 21:14 * +F				
BALL STATE Muncie, Ind.	Central Michigan 30:31 +U	Northern Illinois 42:0 * +F	Toledo 14:31 * +U	McNeese St. •U	McNeese St. 3:27 * +F	Eastern Michigan 28:10 * +F	Western Michigan 10:20 * +U	Bowling Green 38:23 * +F	Kent St. 35:10 * +F	Ohio Univ. * +F	Indiana State 13:18 * T			
BAYLOR Waco, Tex.	8:4	West Texas St. *F	West Texas St. 20:7 *F	Texas Tech 27:17 * +F	Houston 10:13 * +U	SMU 24:21 * +F	Texas A&M 17:7 * +U	Western Michigan 10:20 * +U	Arkansas 20:29 * +U	Rice 45:14 * +F	Texas 0:13 * +U			
BOISE STATE Idaho	10:1	Utah •U	SE Louisiana * +F	Northern Arizona 44:7 * +F	Montana St. 14:0 * +F	Idaho 41:17 * +F	Fullerton 22:3 * +F	Weber State 23:7 * +F	San Jose State *F	Reno 28:27 * +F	Idaho State 44:0 * +F			
BOSTON COLL. Chestnut Hill, Mass.		Pittsburgh 7:28 U	Stanford 14:33 * +U	Villanova 34:7 * +U	Navy F	Yale * +F	Florida State •U	Army 29:16 *F	Air Force F	Syracuse 27:10 * +U	Massachusetts 41:3 F	Holy Cross 13:10 *F		
BOSTON UNIV. Mass.	8:1	Kings Point 30:0 *F	N. Hampshire 24:13 * +F	Temple •U	Davidson *F	Rhode Island 7:0 * +F	Massachusetts 6:20 * +U	VMI F	Connecticut 16:12 * +U	Bucknell 20:20 U	Northeastern 35:10 *F			
BOWLING GREEN Ohio	Richmond F	Eastern Michigan 32:6 * +F	Long Beach 14:20 U	Kentucky 15:3 * +F	Western Michigan 15:3 U	Toledo 17:23 * +U	Kent State 28:17 * +F	Miami (O) 3:21 * +U	Bali State 23:38 * +U	Ohio Univ. 10:48 * +U				
BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, Utah	11:1 59:7 * +F	San Diego St. 63:4 * +F	Wisconsin F	Long Beach St. 31:17 * +F	Wyoming 54:14 * +F	Utah State 48:24 F	Hawaii 38:15 * +F	North Texas 3:17 * +F	Colorado St. 30:7 * +F	Utah 27:0 * +F				
BROWN Providence, R.I.	7:1								Harvard 7:14 * +F	Holy Cross 23:14 * +F	Bucknell 35:10 * +F			
BUCKNELL Lewisburg, Pa.	4:4-2	Connecticut U	Slippery Rock •F	Bucknell 12:13 * +F	Pennsylvania 31:12 * +F	Princeton 33:0 * +F	Lafayette Davidson 0:0 * +F	Lehigh 13:14 U	Cornell 10:0 * +F	Dartmouth 10:24 * +F	Columbia 31:14 * +F	Rhode Island 31:13 *F		
CALIFORNIA Berkeley	6:6	Florida F	Army F	Arizona 10:7 * +F	Michigan 10:14 U	Oregon 14:19 * +F	Oregon St. 45:0 * +F	Arizona State 17:9 * +F	Washington 14:2A U	Stanford 21:14 * +U				

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Mt. Pleasant	Ball State 32-30	Miami (O.) * + F	Illinois St. 19-18	Kent State 44-21	Toledo 7-7	Ohio Univ. * + F	Northern Illinois 31-11	Louisiana 28-0	Eastern Michigan 37-14	Bowling Green 24-0	Western Michigan 10-0		
CHATTANOOGA	Tem.	Jacksonville State	Middle Tennessee 59-15	Appalachian State 24-21	Appalachian State 28-7	Crider 45-14	Virginia Military * + F	Marshall 27-0	East Tennessee 0-35	F	Western Carolina 42-31	Illinois St. 42-31	Vanderbilt	F
CINCINNATI	2-9	West Virginia U	Tulsa	Rutgers	U	Wichita State * + F	Villanova 27-13	South Carolina U	Temple * U	Memphis State 17-23	Louisville 19-22	Miami (Ohio) 14-27	U	
OHIO	6-5	Presbyterian	Appalachian 24-23	Wake Forest	U	Chattanooga 288 * + U	West Carolina 21-19	F	Newberry * F	South Carolina U	Davidson * U	Furman 44-45	+ U	
CHARLESTOWN, S.C.	13-21	Rice	* F	Georgia	12-7	Western Carolina * F	Virginia Tech 21-0	* F	Duke 28-10	Wofford 49-30	* F	North Carolina 19-10	* + U	
CLEMSON, S.C.	8-4	Penn State	U	Lehigh	10-3	Cornell 21-36	Connecticut F	Holy Cross 17-6	F	North Carolina 31-0	Wake Forest 7-7	North Carolina 0-19	U	
CONE GATE	5-4-1	Hamilton, N.Y.	Al UCLA	Louisiana St.	U	Oklahoma 24-49	Iowa State 9-13	Missouri 17-16	F	North Carolina 13-16	Lafayette 24-14	Bucknell 20-2	F	
COLORADO	3-8	Air Force Academy	West Virginia * U	Arizona 17-33	U	Las Vegas 21-21	Iowa State U	Drake 7-13	* F	Nebraska 10-38	Iowa State 7-7	Kansas 31-17	* + T	
COLORADO STATE	5-6-1	Fort Collins	20-6	Harvard	7-26	U	Pennsylvania 12-7	Princeton 0-35	* + U	Wyoming 10-24	Oklahoma St. 20-21	El Paso 20-16	* + F	
COLUMBIA	1-8	New York City	Bucknell	Northeastern	F	Yale 7-14	Colgate 12-7	Holy Cross 7-37	+ U	Wyoming 16-21	Utah 17-3	Kansas 31-17	* + U	
CONNECTICUT	3-6-2	N. Hampshire 33	Princeton	Princeton	U	Yale 17-24	Colgate 14-26	U	U	Wyoming 10-24	Oklahoma St. 20-21	Kansas 21-6		
CORNELL	5-4	Inacata, N.Y.	14-26	Colgate 36-21	U	U	U	Harvard 41-14	+ F	Wyoming 10-24	Utah 17-3	Kansas 21-6		
DARTMOUTH	4-4-1	Hanover, N.H.	10-10	Pennsylvania 20-6	F	Holy Cross 7-13	F	William & Mary 10-7	* + F	Nebraska 10-21	U	Nebraska 21-6		
DAVIDSON	6-4	North Carolina	Springfield	Lehigh	16-13	Bucknell 42-6	Boston Univ. U	Lehigh 10-10	* T	Nebraska 10-21	U	Nebraska 21-6		
DELAWARE	13-1	Newark	West Chester 42-6	Temple	14-31	Morgan St. * U	Lehigh 21-14	F	Brown 10-21	U	Nebraska 21-6	Nebraska 21-6		
IANKE	3-8	Indiana St.	Lamar	So. Illinois	21-22	Arlington * U	Colorado 13-9	U	U	Nebraska 21-6	U	Nebraska 21-6		
DURKE	2-8-1	Des Moines, Iowa	Augustana * F	Auburn	U	Virginia 12-30	Indiana U	South Carolina U	U	Nebraska 21-6	U	Nebraska 21-6		
EAST CAROLINA	Greenville, N.C. 7-3-1	Duke	SW Louisiana * + F	Florida St.	U	So. Mississippi * + F	Richmond 52-10	F	West Carolina 24-24	U	Nebraska 21-6	Nebraska 21-6		
EASTERN ILLINOIS	Charleston	South Dakota 24-15	U	Indiana State	46-3	Northeast Missouri 24-0	Illinois State * F	Central State * F	Western Illinois 7-10	F	Nebraska 21-6	Nebraska 21-6		
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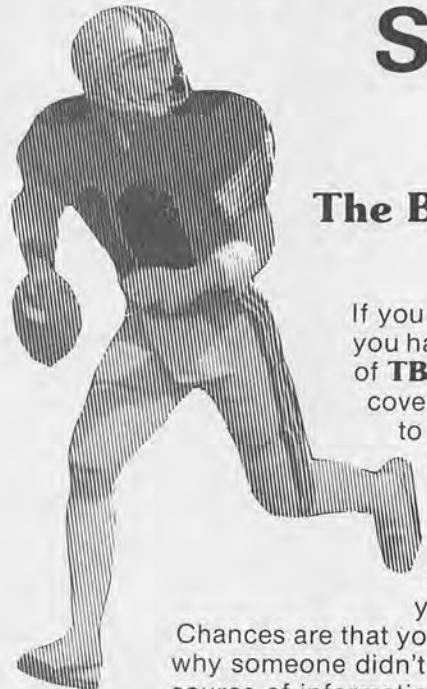
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE	1-9	No. Alabama 17-20 •U	Chatanooga 15-59 *•U	Morehead St. 7-28 *+•U	West Carolina 10-52 *U	East Kentucky 8-29 +U	Murray St. 14-31 *+U	Austin Peay 14-31 *+U	West Kentucky 12-17 +U	Akron 17-14 *+U	Tenn. Tech 17-14 +F		
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LOUISIANA MONROE Monroe	Texas	A&I	North Dakota State	Boise State	Idaho State	Fullerton	Reno	Montana State	Montana	Mississippi College	Montana	Louisiana Tech	* + U
3-8	• F	• F	21-10	7-44	* + • U	6-3	7-31	7-10	U	16-7	+ F	29-18	* + U
ARIZONA Flagstaff	Long Beach State	Ball State	Western Michigan	Ohio Univ.	Southern Illinois	Illinois St.	Wichita St.	Central Michigan	Kent State	Toledo	Eastern Michigan		
7-4	• U	0-42	17-45	* + • U	11-21	U	U	11-31	* + U	25-0	+ F	0-0	
ILLINOIS DeKalb	Omaha	Arkans. Tech	N. Michigan	W. Illinois	SW Missouri	Youngstown	E. Illinois	SW Missouri	U	10-7	U	South Dakota	* + F
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NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton	5-6	Arlington 19-14	Southern Methodist 9-20	Houston •U •F 35-0	Southwestern Louisiana *•F	Tulsa •U	Memphis State 0-22	Ohio State •U	New Mexico State 21-7	•F	Brigham Young U	Northeast Louisiana	* •F
NORTHWESTERN Evanston, Ill.	1-10	Illinois 13-29	Purdue 22-28	Michigan 7-49	Washington U 21-54	Minnesota 8-38	Michigan St. F 27-3	Ohio State *•U 7-16	Indiana 0-30	* +U	Purdue 16-20	* +U	Michigan St. 7-42
NOTRE DAME Indiana	7-4				Michigan 12-10	Michigan 7-49	Michigan 40-15	Army *F	Arizona •F	•F	Michigan Tech 21-13	Georgia Tech (Birmingham) U	Air Force 38-13
OHIO STATE Columbus	11-1				Syracuse 31-8	Minnesota 10-24	UCLA 11-13	Northwestern F 4-7	Indiana 9-7	* +F	Nav (E. Rutherford) F 14-0	Illinois 44-7	Michigan 34-7
OHIO UNIV. Athens	6-5				Michigan 20-7	Eastern Michigan 43-13	Kent State 4-7	Michigan 47-6	Michigan 59-0	+F	Michigan 42-0	Marshall 35-0	Ball State +U
OKLAHOMA Norman	11-1				Kentucky *F	Arkansas Little Rock 7-27	Texas (Dallas) 49-24	Colorado 27-28	Central Michigan 0-26	* +U	Western Michigan 6-20	Kansas 38-9	Missouri 38-0
OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater	7-4						Stanford *F	Texas (Dallas) 7-16	Kansas State 38-6	+F	North Carolina *F	Kansas 30-17	San Diego State 42-15
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Eugene	16-7	*+U	*F	17-21	+U			27-26	*+F		24-3			
OREGON STATE	2-9	Wyoming	F	Arizona St.	*U	Washington	*+U	Stanford	33-31	+U	Azusa	*+U	UCLA (Tokyo) +U	
Concordia			0-45	+•U	Texas	*U	0-45	+U	42-45	+U	18-42	*+U		
PACIFIC	3-7	South Carolina	*U	Idaho	El Paso	Wash St.	Long Beach	Long Beach	31-32	*+U	Fullerton	*+F		
Stockton, Calif.			13-17	*+T	Hawaii	U	Fresno St.	Arizona St.	14-15	+U	UCLA	(Tokyo)	+U	
PENN STATE	8-4	Colgate	*U	Texas A&M	7-31	*+U	15-7	*+U	31-32	*+U	UCLA	(Tokyo)	+U	
Univ Park			14-27	*U	Nebraska	U	17-42	*U	9-7	+U	UCLA	(Tokyo)	+U	
PENNSYLVANIA	0-9			Dartmouth	+U	Lehigh	35-7	West Virginia	10-26	*F	UCLA	(Tokyo)	+U	
Philadelphia			6-20	+U	(Sept. 26)	7-12	*+U	31-6	Yale	6-24	+U	UCLA	(Tokyo)	+U
PITTSBURGH	11-1			Kansas	Temple	Maryland	*F	10-38	+U	Princeton	Villanova	*U		
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MAINE Bangor, Tex.	1-10	Clemson	U	Tulane 21:17	* U	LSU 3:47	* U	Texas 9:26	* + U	AI TCU 7:17	* + U	Texas A&M 15:41	Arkansas + U	Houston 0:43
MICHIGAND Virginia	0-11	Bowling Green * U	U	Wyoming 7:9	U	West Virginia 18:20	U	Auburn U	U	East Carolina 10:52	* U	VMI 7:17	Baylor 14:45	* + U
PATRIOTS N. Brunswick, N.J.	8:3	Temple 20:41	* U	Cincinnati 38:14	* F	Cornell F	F	Alabama (E. Rutherford) U	F	Virginia Tech 0:34	* U	Virginia 24:0	Southern Cincinnati 14:17	William & Mary 10:24
SAN DIEGO California	8:3	Brigham Young 14:63	+ U	Air Force + F	Missouri 15:45	* U	Wisconsin 24:17	U	Las Vegas * + U	Colorado State 3:37	* + U	Oklahoma 31:21	* + U	West Virginia * U
SAN JOSE STATE California	3:8	Washington State	F	Iowa State	F	Stanford 29:45	U	Fresno St. 35:22	* + U	Long Beach 53:42	* + U	Baylor * + F	Pacific 32:31	Colgate * F
SOUTH Carolina	8:4	Pacific	* + F	Wichita St. * F	At USC	Michigan	U	N.C. State 30:28	* F	Duke 35:0	* + F	Cincinnati * + F	Baylor 23:0	Utah State 48:48
COLUMBIA Columbia		Morningside (Sep. 1)	* + F	Kansas St. (Sep. 6) 15:24	U	S. Dakota St. 21:26	U	Augustana 6:7	* + F	No. Dakota 23:17	* T	No. Colorado * + F	Georgia 27:20	Wake Forest 35:14
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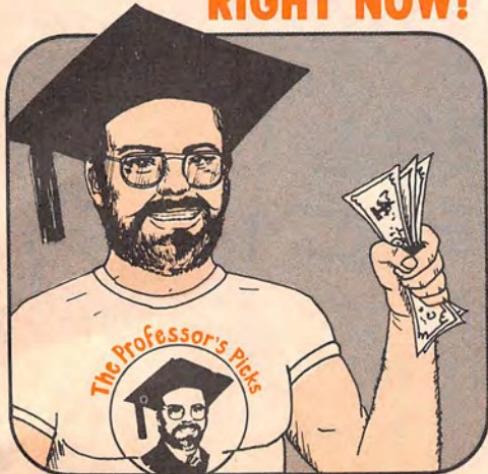
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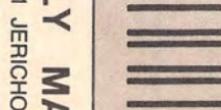
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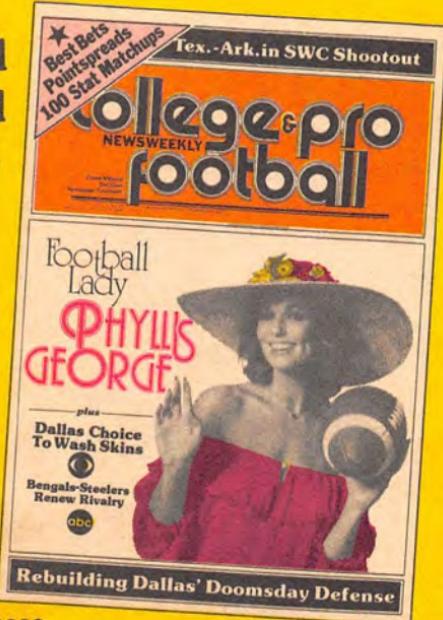
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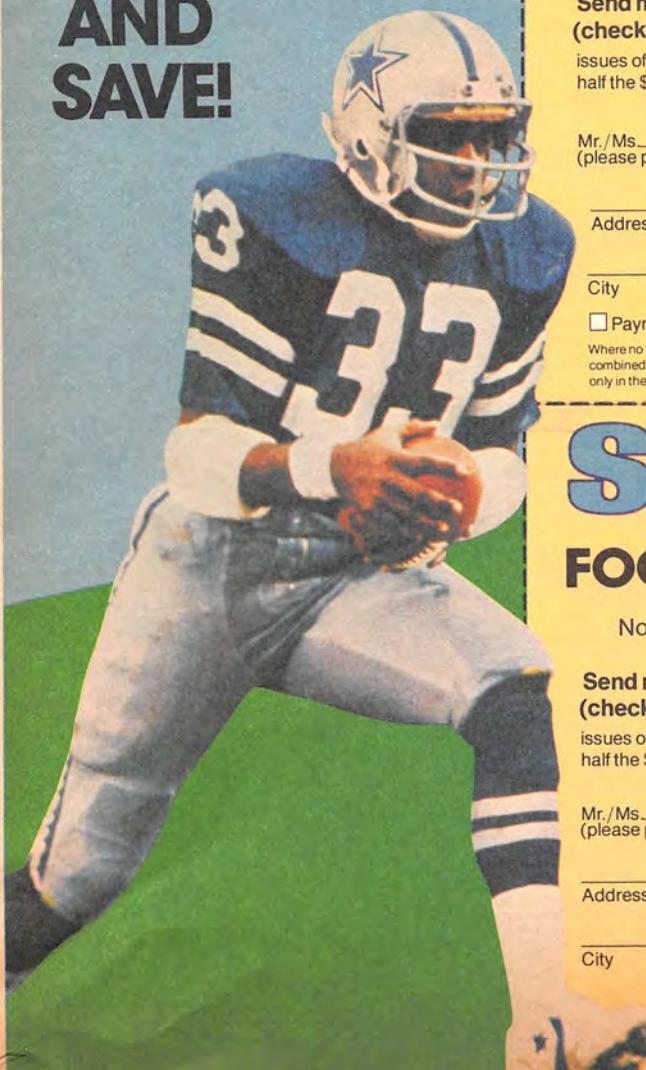


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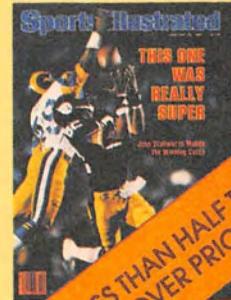
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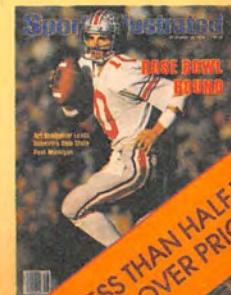
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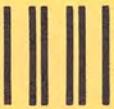
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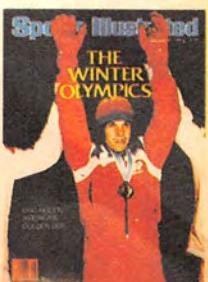
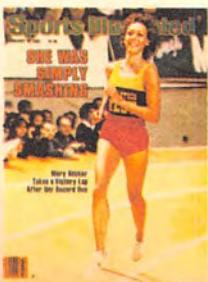
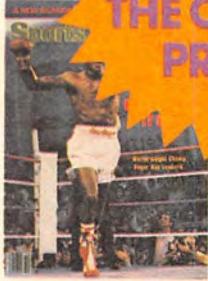
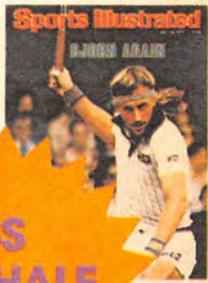
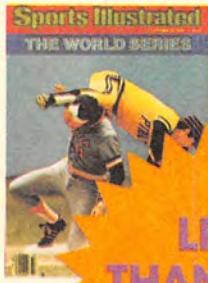
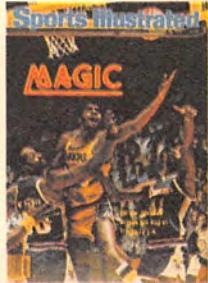
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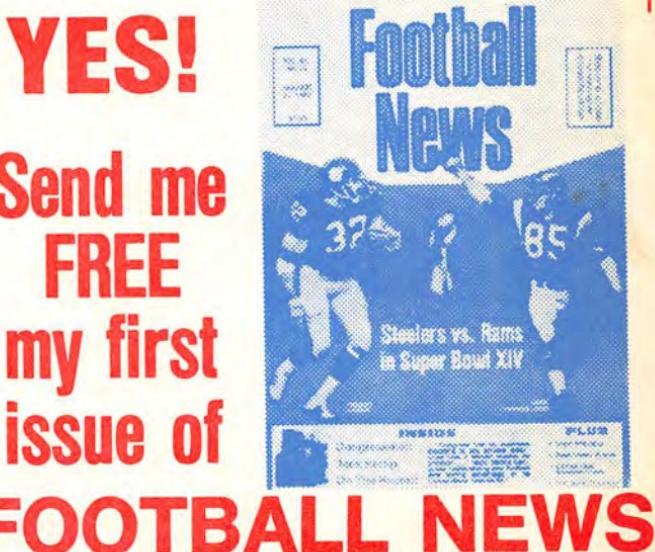
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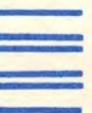
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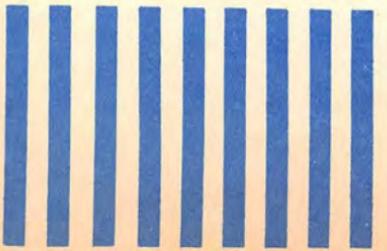
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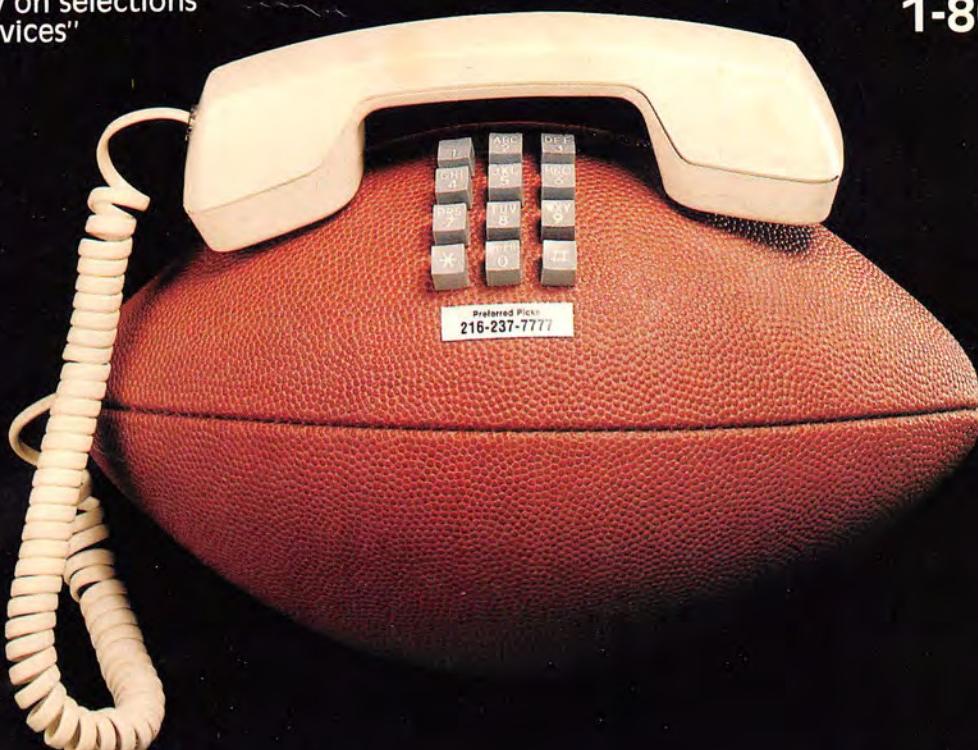
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